

Douglas Oles helps his clients avoid and resolve disputes on a wide variety of complex public and private contracts in the construction, supply, energy and real estate development industries. He also works as neutral mediator and arbitrator in contract-based disputes. With more than three decades of transactional, litigation and arbitration experience, Douglas is committed to helping his clients solve problems promptly and cost-efficiently. He has represented both claimants and respondents in resolving multiple disputes over \$100,000,000 and in a wide variety of smaller cases.

Representing construction clients across the United States, Douglas has participated in a number of high profile infrastructure projects. He has also worked on various commercial contracts in Europe, Asia and South America.

Douglas is a leader in a variety of construction industry groups that keep him at the forefront of new developments in contracting and claim resolution.

## PRACTICE AREAS

- Construction
- Commercial Litigation
- Business & Real Estate
- Government Contracts

## EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Washington, *with honors*
- B.A., Stanford University, History, *with distinction and department honors* (Phi Beta Kappa)

## BAR ADMISSIONS

- Washington State Courts
- Alaska State Courts
- Oregon State Courts
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District, Washington
- U.S. District Court, Western District, Washington
- U.S. District Court, Northern District, California
- U.S. District Court, Idaho
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

## AFFILIATIONS

- Past President, American College of Construction Lawyers
- Fellow, American College of Construction Lawyers, 2004 - present
- Board Member, The Beavers, 2019 – 2021
- Officer, International Bar Association
- Past National Chair, American Bar Association, Forum on Construction Law, 2005 – 2006
- Honorary Fellow, Canadian College of Construction Lawyers
- Treasurer, International Academy of Construction Lawyers
- Programs Coordinator, Society of Construction Law
- Life Fellow, American Bar Foundation



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- Board Member, JAMS – Global Engineering & Construction
- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb)
- Washington State Bar Association, Construction Law Section
- Past President, The Rainier Club, 2007 – 2008
- Life Member, British Institute of Archaeology at Ankara

## AWARDS & HONOR

- *Best Lawyers in America*, Lawyer of the Year, Litigation-Construction, 2021
- *Best Lawyers in America*, Construction Law, 2003 – present
- *Best Lawyers in America*, Litigation-Construction, 2018 - present
- Who's Who in America, 2008 – present
- International Who's Who of Construction Lawyers, 2007 – present
- Super Lawyers, 2003, 2006 – present
- Martindale Hubbell highest AV rating for over 20 years

## REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

### General Matters

- Represent foundation contractor in San Francisco's Millennium Tower litigation
- Represent international contractor on large California wastewater plant claim
- Represent private developer to defend delay and impact claims by general contractor
- Represent general contractor on partial termination of stadium steel fabricator
- Represent general contractor in large claims involving new computer chip manufacturing facility
- Represent Chicago developer in defending delay and impact claims by general contractor
- Represent California software developer in successful contract-based arbitration against a Nevada casino customer
- Represent foundation and tunnel contractors on tunnel-related claims in Washington and Florida
- Represent general contractor in complex claims involving incomplete design and delay on a multi-prime power generation plant project in Alaska
- Represent general contractor in complex multi-party claims involving design warranty and delay on corporate headquarters for international athletic product manufacturer
- Assist general contractors on handling differing site conditions federal dam projects in Washington and Wyoming
- Assist large real estate developer in setting up design-build contracts for 1000+ unit residential development
- Assist with review and negotiation of contracts for design and construction of private space launch facilities in Florida
- Represent Swiss company in defending against contract-based claims by U.S. investor
- Represent international contractor in appealing Contracting Officer decision denying multiple claims on military base in New Jersey
- Assist private developer in negotiating sale of large commercial property in Bellevue, WA

## PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

### PRESENTATIONS

- Speaker, "Construction Project Eschatology" (international perspectives on plant decommissioning), International Bar Association, Miami, Florida, November 4, 2022
- Speaker, "Getting Paid: Prompt Payment Act from the Perspectives of the Government, Primes & Subs," Navigating Federal Government Contracts Northwest 2019, Seattle, Washington, October 30, 2019
- Speaker, "Consequential Damages and Indemnity in Construction Agreements," International Bar Association, Seoul, Korea, September 24, 2019
- Speaker, "Issues in Design-Build Contracting," Washington State Bar Association, Construction Law Committee, Seattle, WA, June 7, 2019
- Speaker, "Everything You Need to Know About Design Build Projects," Federal Government in the Last Frontier, Anchorage, AK, March 19, 2019
- Speaker, "The Rules of Contract Interpretation in Construction Contracts," International Academy of Construction Lawyers, Cologne, Germany, April 5, 2019
- Speaker, "Federal Design-Build Challenges," Navigating Federal Government Contracts Northwest 2018, Seattle, WA, October 2018

- Panel speaker, International Bar Association, IBA Annual Meetings, Vienna, 2015; Washington D.C., 2016; Sydney, 2017
- Panel Chair and Speaker on Design-Build Contracting, Society of Construction Law conference, Sao Paulo, Brazil, September 2016
- Speaker on Keystone XL Pipeline, Canadian College of Construction Lawyers conference, St. John's, Newfoundland
- Panel Chair and Speaker on Choosing Governing Law and Venue for Disputes in International Arbitration, Society of Construction Law Conference, Kuala Lumpur, September 2014
- Speaker on Contract Eschatology: Suspension & Termination, International Construction Law Conference, London, September 2012
- Panel Chair and Speaker on Contract Negotiation and Drafting, Society of Construction Law Conference in Melbourne, May 2012
- Speaker on Technical Claim Defenses, ABA Construction Forum, Atlanta, October 2011
- Speaker on Resolving Construction Disputes in Canada and the U.S. - Looking Back, Looking Forward, ABA Annual Meeting, August 2011
- Speaker on Contract Forms and Forums in the United States, Canadian College of Construction Lawyers, Ottawa, June 2011
- Speaker on Construction Claims Disputes and Liability, Pacific Business & Law Institute, April 2011
- Speaker on Communication - Proper & Timely Notifications, Construction Seminars Northwest, April 2010
- Panel Chair and Speaker on Differing Site Conditions, Society of Construction Law Conference, Hong Kong, December 2010
- Speaker, Federal Contracting, ABA Construction Forum, Philadelphia, October 2009
- Speaker, Society of Construction Law Conference, London, October 2008
- Speaker on various construction-related topics, London Super Conference, 2002 – 2006
- Speaker, Dispute Review Boards, OMRB Construction and Public Contract Law Seminar, 2005

## PUBLICATIONS

- Co-authored, "The International Comparative Legal Guide To: Construction & Engineering Law 2018", U.S. chapter, July 2018
- Co-Author, "50 State Survey of Licensed Design Professional's Stamping and Sealing Obligations," Washington, ABA Forum on Construction Law, April 2018
- Co-Author, "But There's a Catch-California's Wage-Credit Restrictions on IAF's Still Stand," ABA's The Dispute Revolver, August 16, 2016

## NEWS & INSIGHTS

- Navigating Federal Government Contracts Northwest
- The 2022 Edition of The Legal 500 Nationally Ranks Oles Morrison's Construction and Government Contracts Practices
- 2022 Chambers & Partners Recognizes OMRB as a Leading Washington Law Firm for Construction Law!
- The American Bar Association's Construction Law Today podcast featuring OMRB titled "A First Look at Federal Contracting Issues" is LIVE!
- Navigating Federal Government Contracts Northwest - Oct. 21-22
- Save the Date, October 21-22: Navigating Federal Government Contracts Northwest 2020 will be held virtually
- Oles Morrison Rinker & Baker Attorneys Named to The Best Lawyers in America®
- Super Lawyers Selects Fourteen Oles Morrison Attorneys for inclusion in the 2020 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists.
- The 2020 Edition of The Legal 500 Nationally Ranks Oles Morrison's Construction and Government Contracts Practices
- Washington's Version of "Shelter in Place": What it Means for the Construction Industry
- COVID-19 and Impacts on Construction
- Douglas Oles Appointed as an Officer of the International Construction Projects Committee (ICP) of the International Bar Association
- Oles Morrison is Ranked Among Nation's Top Law Firms by U.S. News – Best Lawyers®
- Oles Morrison hosts Navigating Federal Government Contracts Northwest 2019 on Oct. 30
- Nine Attorneys Were Selected For Inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2020
- Douglas Oles and Alix Town authored the U.S. chapter for the sixth edition of The International Comparative Legal Guide To: Construction & Engineering Law 2019.
- Ten Attorneys Selected to the 2019 Washington Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Legal 500 Recognizes Oles Morrison Rinker & Baker's Government Contracts Practice In 2019 National Guide
- Oles Morrison Rinker & Baker Receives Rankings In 2019 Issue Of Chambers USA Guide
- Navigating Federal Government Contracts in the Last Frontier - Seminar March 19
- Douglas Oles Appointed to Board of Trustees of the Beavers Charitable Trust
- Oles Morrison is Ranked Among Nation's Top Law Firms by U.S. News – Best Lawyers®
- Oles Morrison to host Federal Government Contracts Seminar
- Douglas Oles to speak at the 8th Int'l Society of Construction Law Conference

- Oles Morrison Rinker & Baker LLP attorneys selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America® 2019
- Douglas Oles and Alix Town Contribute to The International Comparative Legal Guide To: Construction & Engineering Law 2018
- Five Oles Morrison Attorneys Named to 2018 Washington Super Lawyers List
- Serving Our Clients for 125 Years
- Douglas Oles Elected President of The American College of Construction Lawyers
- Oles Morrison Rinker & Baker Attorneys Named "Best Lawyers in America"
- Six Oles Morrison Attorneys Named to 2017 Washington Super Lawyers® and Rising Stars Lists
- Douglas Oles to moderate panel at the Society of Construction Law Biennial International Conference
- Congratulations to our six attorneys who were selected by their peers for inclusion in the 2017 edition of Best Lawyers in America.
- Doug Oles, Pete Ralston and Mike Geraghty Recognized by American Bar Foundation
- Oles Morrison Named 2016 Best Law Firm by U.S. News and Best Lawyers
- Douglas Oles Invited to Speak at Three Notable Conferences
- Doug Oles to Present at the 40th Annual Conference on Deep Foundations
- Doug Oles and Jason Wandler Named to List of Best Lawyers in America© 2016
- Northern California Super Lawyers Recognizes Rob Leslie
- Super Lawyers Recognizes Six Oles Morrison Attorneys
- Oles Morrison Named 2015 Best Law Firm by U.S. News and Best Lawyers
- Doug Oles Selected as National Editor of the Journal of the American College of Construction Lawyers
- Doug Oles and Jason Wandler Named to List of Best Lawyers in America© 2015
- Super Lawyers Recognizes Nine Oles Morrison Attorneys
- Doug Oles Presents to the American Public Works Association
- Oles Morrison featured in AGC's The Alaska Contractor Magazine
- Canadian College of Construction Lawyers Honors Doug Oles
- Jim Nagle and Doug Oles Present to AGC California Group
- Five Oles Morrison Attorneys Named to Super Lawyers Lists
- Douglas Oles Named to List of Best Lawyers By U.S. News and Best Lawyers
- Attorneys to Address 2012 International Construction Law Conference in London
- Oles Morrison Rinker & Baker, LLP Wins \$13 Million Settlement for Parsons Corporation
- Doug Oles on Resolving Construction Disputes for the 2011 American Bar Association Annual Meeting
- Doug Oles Elected to the Board of Directors of the American College of Construction Lawyers
- Doug Oles to Speak at Pacific Business & Law Institute "Construction Claims Disputes and Liability"