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ABOUT

Wes's practice has focused primarily on representing contractors for both private and public construction projects throughout the United States, though his primary focus has been on public civil construction projects in California. He has also assisted contractors and designers with contract drafting, reviewing, and negotiations, as well as various licensing issues. Wes's experience includes resolving construction disputes through informal negotiations, mediations, and arbitrations.

Wes began working in the legal field as an undergraduate when he worked for the in-house counsel for a group of developers on California's Central Coast. After law school, Wes worked briefly in Palm Desert representing individuals in SEC arbitrations before joining a startup in San Francisco focused on assisting US military veterans to transition to civilian life. Wes then moved on to work in North Dakota representing a group of developers working with the City of Williston to develop infrastructure to support the new growth brought to that area by the revitalization of the oil industry by the Bakken Oil Shale. While in North Dakota, Wes also worked as in-house counsel for an aggregate mining and delivery company and as an associate attorney for a small general civil litigation firm where he handled contractor disputes on residential housing projects. Wes then returned to his hometown in California to work as in-house counsel for a civil construction company before joining Blueprint Construction Counsel in 2018. Wes has focused on resolving and analyzing large claims disputes efficiently by creatively analyzing and managing claim data to present compelling arguments to both owners and subcontractors.

Wes earned his juris doctor from the University of Missouri School of Law. While there, Wes received the Lawrence Crahan Fellowship and clerked for the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District. He also served as the Senior Note and Comment Editor for the Journal of Dispute Resolution and was inducted into the Order of the Scribes. Wes served in the US Army as a cryptologic linguist in South America prior to attending UC Santa Barbara where he received a B.A. with honors in philosophy with a minor in anthropology. He has continued his service by volunteering as a mentor and mentor coordinator for the San Luis Obispo County Veterans Treatment Court and is the vice president of Central Coast Vets Helping Vets.

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