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Raymond Buddie advises clients on all aspects of complex construction issues and resolves construction-related disputes. Through his hands-on experience as a former surveyor, structural engineer, and member of the project management team for a major commercial construction company, Ray not only understands the complex legal issues that may arise during a construction project, but also appreciates the technical and commercial aspects of the work.

Over the past 30 years, Ray has been recognized as a leader in pursuing and resolving major claims for some of the largest commercial contractors in the United States. Most recently, he obtained an $18 million arbitration award against the Los Angeles Unified School District regarding the construction of the Belmont Learning Center project.

A strong proponent of the appropriate use of alternative dispute resolution (ADR), Ray has served as an arbitrator and has successfully resolved hundreds of multiparty construction disputes both nationally and internationally. He has also negotiated favorable contract terms for numerous projects, resolved labor disputes and surety issues, assisted clients with Public Contract Code compliance, and helped clients obtain entitlements for real estate development projects.

Ray is a frequent lecturer for design professionals, contractors, insurance companies, and professional associations. He has served in the public sector for nearly 30 years as Chairman (1997–1998) and Member (1994–2005) of the Marin County Planning Commission; Mayor (1991–1992) and Vice Mayor (1990–1991) of the City of Sausalito; Member of the Marin Transportation Authority (1991–1992); Council Member for the City of Sausalito (1988–1992); Vice Chairman of the Sausalito Planning Commission (1986–1988); and Director of the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival (2020–present). Ray is also a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Ohio.

Ray is a member of the American Bar Association’s Section of Public Contract Law and Forum Committee on the Construction Industry, the California Bar Association, the Ohio Bar Association, and the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Ray earned his J.D. from Case Western Reserve University School of Law in 1981. He received his B.S. from the University of Miami in 1974.

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