

Kathryn "Katy" Baird

Associate

PRACTICE EMPHASIS:

Construction; Litigation

EDUCATION:

J.D., University of Houston Law Center, 2014
Order of the Barristers, Mock Trial Team
M.B.A., University of Houston, 2014
B.B.A., University of Texas at Austin, 2011

ADMITTED:

State Bar of Texas

COURT ADMISSIONS:

U.S. District Court, Southern and Western Districts of Texas



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Profile:

Katy's practice focuses on advocating for general contractors, subcontractors, suppliers and owners on a variety of construction related issues including: construction defects, contract termination, mechanic's liens, performance and payment bonds, breach of contract disputes, and collections matters through litigation and alternative dispute resolution. Katy also uses her Masters of Business Administration to provide her clients with company specific legal support and litigation/dispute strategies that strive to further each of her clients' business/fiscal goals.

Representative Experience:

- Successfully represented general contractor against a subcontractor in arbitration by obtaining full award and attorneys' fees for subcontractor's failure to perform (second chair)
- Negotiated contract value plus interest in breach of contract dispute on behalf of a general contractor against a school district
- Obtained favorable verdict on behalf of subcontractor client against owner regarding claims for quantum meruit resulting in a full recovery of damages and attorneys' fees (second chair)
- Mediated on behalf of general contractor in a residential construction defect suit favorably taking damages to a zero-sum and preventing potential bankruptcy
- Achieved summary judgment over \$400,000.00 in collections dispute for breach of personal guaranty
- Represented general contractor in construction defect disputes regarding multi-family projects
- Ongoing representation of general contractor and subcontractor clients on a variety of different matters including breach of contract claims, settlement negotiations, lien removal and debt collections
- Represented third-party defendants in construction defect cases throughout Texas
- Assisted in representation of third-party contractor in litigation and settlement negotiations regarding a multi-million dollar condominium project

Affiliations:

State Bar of Texas, Construction Law Section
Houston Bar Association, Construction Law Section
American Bar Association, Forum on the Construction Industry
Houston Young Lawyers Association

Speeches and Publications:

"Time is Running Out! Limitations May Start Prior to Projects Substantial Completion," AM Monthly Law Alert, February 2017

"Latest Texas School Bonds Worth \$2.7 Billion," *ASA Subscript*, December 2016

"Latest Texas School Bonds Worth \$2.7 Billion," AM Monthly Law Alert, November 2016

"Texas Supreme Court Restricts GC Indemnity Rights for Products Liability Claims," AM Monthly Law Alert, June 2016