

## Kathryn "Katy" Baird

### Senior Associate

#### PRACTICE EMPHASIS:

Construction; Litigation

#### EDUCATION:

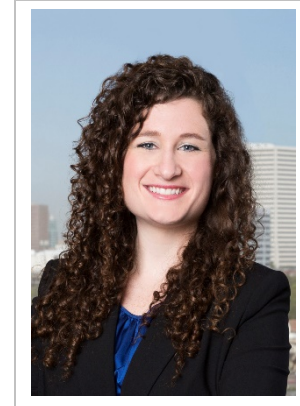
J.D., University of Houston Law Center, 2014  
Order of the Barristers, Mock Trial Team  
M.B.A., University of Houston, 2014  
B.B.A., University of Texas at Austin, 2011

#### 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:

- Recognized in "*Top 100 Settlements of 2017*" for successful representation of a Houston-based supplier in breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duties, unjust enrichment and Quantum Meruit claims against a Texas-based structural steel fabricator
- 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

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**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:**

"Beware Quick Offers to Repair (Construction Defects), AM Monthly Law Alert, March 2019  
"Contracting for the Surety to Have a Seat at the Table in Arbitration," AM Monthly Law Alert, October 2018  
"Strategies for Initial Phases of a Dispute," ABC Young Leaders Panelist, June 2018  
"Keeping Your Exemption from Personal Liability Intact by Staying Current on Your Franchise Taxes," AM Monthly Law Alert, March 2018  
"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