

# Richard F. Greenleaf, Esq.

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Has practiced construction law for over 30 years and arbitrated over 200 cases through award. Started construction practice as a trial lawyer litigating large scale commercial and energy cases on the Texas gulf coast. Practice grew from a regional to a national practice and has been involved in projects in 41 states and internationally. Has represented owners, contractors, developers, sureties, subcontractors, homeowners associations, architects, engineers, suppliers, fabricators, and specialty contractors. Now devotes most of the time to serving as a neutral in complex disputes with claims in excess of \$100 million and projects with values exceeding \$6 billion. Was the founding co-chair of the College of Commercial Arbitrators, Construction Arbitration Section.

## **Construction:**

Has represented all parties in construction process and participated on complex case panels as arbitrator before the AAA, ICDR, CPR and ICC Courts involving: office and commercial buildings, apartments, and multifamily buildings, retirement facilities, industrial projects, steel and direct reduction plants, solar projects, water and sewer treatment plants, hospitals, municipal projects, prisons, hotels, civil and heavy highway, roads and bridges, sports stadiums, airports, restaurants, “big box” stores, steel buildings, breweries and distilleries, museums, strip centers and luxury high, mid and low-rise residential structures, as well as high-end residential construction projects.

## **Energy:**

Extensive experience representing owners, contractors and equipment suppliers and has participated on complex case panels as arbitrator before the AAA, ICDR, CPR and ICC Courts for energy disputes. Has been a member of the AAA’s National Energy Panel for many years. Experience includes: gas and coal fired power plants, gas processing plants, fertilizer plants (Urea, Ammonia Nitric Acid), wind generation projects, solar projects and plants, oil field infrastructure matters, salt water storage and disposal, energy infrastructure, pipeline, petrochemical, refinery projects, power and treatment plants, electric generation, cogeneration, oil refining, and gas and salt water storage, transport, pipeline and storage facilities.

## **Mining:**

Extensive experience as a lawyer for owners/operators and mining contractors as well as an arbitrator before the AAA, ICDR and CPR on large scale mining projects and disputes involving mining construction and operation, process engineering, and production on mines producing gold, zinc, copper, silver, lead and molybdenum both nationally and internationally.

**Alternative Dispute Resolution Experience** - Experienced in all areas of dispute resolution, including mediation, arbitration, med-arb hybrids, and dispute review boards. Has been an American Arbitration Association Construction Panelist for 28 years, arbitrating and serving as chair on numerous construction disputes on both national and international cases. International arbitrator experience includes cases for the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR), International Chamber of Commerce International Court of Arbitration (ICC), and the International Center for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (CPR). Has extensive construction mediation experience and is a member of the American Arbitration Association National Panel of Mediators as well as a member of their Master Panel. Served as an AAA Faculty program facilitator for many years. Serves as a “Rule 7” arbitrator regarding issues of consolidation and joinder as well as special master on disputes involving Electronically Stored Information (ESI).

**Professional Licenses** - Admitted to the Bar: Texas, 1982; Colorado, 1999; Wyoming, 2013.

**Professional Associations** - Colorado Bar Association (Construction Law Section); Houston Bar Association (Construction Law Section, Past Chair); Center for International Legal Studies (Congress of Fellows, Charter Member); State Bar of Texas (Construction Law Section, Past Council Member; Construction Law Newsletter, Past Editor); American Bar Association (Construction Industry Forum Committee; Public Contracts Law Section; Tort and Insurance Practice Section; Advisory Panel); American Subcontractors Association of Colorado (Attorneys Counsel); AAA Construction Advisory Committee; The National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals; Fellow of College of Commercial Arbitrators (Former Co-Chair of the Construction Arbitration Committee); The Roster of International Arbitrators; CPR's Panel of Distinguished Neutrals (Construction Panel); Dispute Review Board Foundation; American College of e-Neutrals.

**Education** - University of South Florida (BA-1976); South Texas College of Law Houston (JD-1982).

**Honors and Awards** - Has been recognized by Lawyer Monthly as the 2016 USA Lawyer of the Year in the areas of Arbitration and Mediation, consistently recognized by Best Lawyers in America in the area of Construction Law, recipient of the AAA's designation of Construction Master Arbitrator, named to the Top 100 Construction Arbitrators in the United States, and formerly served as Co-Chair of the College of Commercial Arbitrators Construction Arbitration Section. Serves on the American Arbitration Association's Large Complex Case Panel for Construction Cases and on the American Arbitration Association's National Energy Panel.