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Michael J. Bayard is a full-time Construction Arbitrator, Mediator, and Neutral Evaluator. He is the founder of Construction ADR Services, which performs dispute resolution work exclusively for the Construction Industry. Over the last 20 years Mr. Bayard has served as a Neutral in over 500 construction disputes. He has been involved in virtually every conceivable type of construction project, including single-family homes, planned residential communities, apartments and condominiums, shopping centers, industrial projects, commercial office buildings, and local, state, and federal public works projects.

He has handled virtually every type of construction claim—including breach of contract, extra work, delays, mechanic's liens, stop notices, errors and omissions, payment disputes, and insurance coverage disputes. He served as the Chair of the Panel hearing one of the largest construction disputes ever filed with the Western Division of the American Arbitration Association. Most recently he has served as the Arbitrator or the Neutral Evaluator on multiple public works projects that each were valued at in excess of \$1 billion. Claim values have run into the hundreds of millions of dollars.

Prior to becoming a full-time neutral, Mr. Bayard was a practicing construction lawyer for twenty years. He has been the National Chair of the Construction Law Departments at two of the largest law firms based in the United States, Pillsbury Madison & Sutro (1987-1994) [Now Pillsbury Winthrop] and Sonnenshein Nath & Rosenthal (1994-1999) [Now Dentons, the largest law firm in the world].

Mr. Bayard also was an Adjunct Professor of Construction Management in USC's Graduate Program in Real Estate Development for 20 years. He is a Past Chair of the Construction Law Subsections of both the California State Bar and the Los Angeles County Bar Association. He is the author of over forty-five publications on Construction Law and Construction ADR topics.

Mr. Bayard is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of California at Berkeley. He is a graduate of Hastings College of the Law, where he was Associate Executive Editor of the Hastings Law Journal. Mr. Bayard and his wife, Randy, have four children and eight grandchildren. They reside in Valencia, California.

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