



**Aaron R. Gruber**

Partner

Aaron Gruber is a partner in the firm's Construction practice. He represents owners (public and private), developers, design professionals, and general contractors in the resolution of disputes relating to delays and acceleration, cost over-runs, mechanic's liens, stop notices, construction defects, and design liability. Mr. Gruber also advises clients in the drafting and negotiation of construction and design agreements and compliance with jurisdictional requirements for the performance of construction and design services.

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**ADMISSIONS**

California

**EDUCATION**

University of California, Hastings  
 College of the Law (JD, 2000)

California State University, Long  
 Beach (MS, Civil Engineering,  
 1997)

California Polytechnic State  
 University (BS, Architectural  
 Engineering, 1994)

Mr. Gruber is also a licensed Civil Engineer in the State of California. He graduated in 1994 with a degree in Architectural Engineering from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo where he was given the award for the highest graduating GPA in the Architectural Engineering Department. After graduating from Cal Poly, Mr. Gruber worked as a structural engineer in Southern California. Additionally, Mr. Gruber worked at a consulting firm where he oversaw the completion of construction projects for performance bond sureties. Mr. Gruber also has a Masters Degree in Civil Engineering with a Construction Management emphasis from CSU, Long Beach.

In addition to his work as an attorney, Mr. Gruber has also taught as an adjunct professor at CSU, San Francisco, co-authored a three volume treatise on engineering evidence, and frequently lectured on issues involving construction litigation and preventative measures available to avoid construction claims. He is on the board of the Bay Area chapter and advises the national board for the ACE Mentor Program (a national mentoring program focused on introducing high school students to professions in the construction industry and providing scholarships to pursue the same).

**REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS**

- *Board of Trustees of the California State University.* Dispute involving the seismic retrofit and abatement of an eight story laboratory sciences building.
- *J. A. Jones Construction.* Dispute over the design and construction of a hospital building.
- *San Francisco Care Center.* Dispute over the design and construction of a multi-story elder care facility.
- *Board of Trustees of the California State University.* Dispute over the

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construction of a campus-wide telecommunication upgrade project.

- *J. A. Jones Construction*. Dispute over the design and construction of a public safety facility.
- *Bechtel Telecommunications*. Dispute over telecommunication networks, including the construction of sub-stations and the installation of underground conduit on public property.
- *Bovis Lend Lease*. Dispute over the design and construction of multi-use commercial structure housing both theaters and retail.
- *Centex Homes*. Dispute over multi-plaintiff homeowner suit, involving litigation of complex indemnity and additional insured claims.
- *Multiple Matters*. Disputes over lien claims, including clearing title and disputing lien priority.
- *Multiple Clients*. Frequent pre-litigation consultation to eliminate or reduce future conflicts.

## COURTS & ADJUDICATIVE BODIES

- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
- United States District Court for the Northern District of California
- United States District Court for the Southern District of California

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association, Forum on the Construction Industry
- ACE Mentor Program, National Affiliate Committee, Northwestern regional representative; Chair for the Bay Area affiliated chapter
- California Registered Professional Engineer (1997–present), Civil Engineer No. 57301

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

- ACE Mentor Program, Bay Area Chapter: Board member

## PUBLICATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

### BOOKS

*Three Volume Treatise: Engineering Evidence*. West Publications (2005). 4th Edition.

### SPEECHES

"California Construction Claims." Lorman Seminar (December 2006).

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