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Partner

John Ralls specializes in construction claims, disputes, and counseling. He represents contractors, owners, design professionals, suppliers, and construction managers in trials, arbitrations, mediations, and negotiations. He also provides contract, dispute, and licensing advice before, during, and after construction projects. He has provided these services on a variety of projects, including convention centers, wind energy projects, hospitals, and industrial facilities.

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**ADMISSIONS**

California

**EDUCATION**

University of California, Berkeley,  
 School of Law (Boalt Hall) (JD,  
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University of California - Berkeley  
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Mr. Ralls has been listed in *Who's Who Legal, California Who's Who of Business Lawyers* (2007 - Construction) and as a Northern California Super Lawyer by *San Francisco Law & Politics Magazine* (2005, 2006 and 2008 - Construction Law). He is the Editor (2008 - present) and was the Associate Editor (2004-2008) and the Contributing Editor (2000-2004) of *Construction Lawyer*, the quarterly journal of the ABA Forum on the Construction Industry.

**COURTS & ADJUDICATIVE BODIES**

- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- United States District Court for the Central District of California
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
- United States District Court for the Northern District of California
- United States Court of Federal Claims
- Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals
- Civilian Board of Contract Appeals
- General Services Board of Contract Appeals

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- American Bar Association, Forum on the Construction Industry
- Associated General Contractors of California, Legal Advisory Committee, Chair, 2004; Vice Chair, 2003; Author, *New Cases of Interest*, 1998-2001
- Associated General Contractors of California, Legislative Committee (2004)

**PUBLICATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

**ARTICLES**

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"Complying with Licensing and Registration Laws." *inConstruction Checklists: A Guide to Frequently Encountered Construction Issues* (2008). Co-authored with Paul W. Berning.

"Government Bid Protests." *Construction Checklists: A Guide to Frequently Encountered Construction Issues* (2008). Co-authored with W. Samuel Niece.

"How to Avoid Delays and Delay Claims on Wind Power Projects." *North American Windpower* (2005).

**SPEECHES**

"Changes and Differing Site Conditions." Regional Contracts Program of the ABA Forum on the Construction Industry (2008).

"New AIA Documents." Lorman Seminars (2008).

"California Mechanics Liens and Other Construction Law Remedies." Lorman Seminars (2007).

"A Comprehensive Guide to Resolving Construction Disputes in California." Lorman Seminars (2003).

"E Tools: Time For a Legal Check-Up." Engineering & Construction Contracting Conference, American Institute of Chemical Engineering (2002).

"Contractor Documentation During the Job to Support Claims." Various Groups (2001).

"Legal Aspects of Web Based Project Controls and Electronic Documents." Western Council of Construction Consumers (2001).