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CONSTRUCTION PRACTICE GROUP REGIONAL SEMINAR



Atlanta, GA | April 26, 2022

SEMINAR PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Program at Omni Hotel & Spa, The Battery Atlanta

2625 Circle 75 Parkway | Atlanta, GA | Niekro Room

1:45 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.

REGISTRATION

2:00 P.M. – 2:10 P.M.

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Speakers:

E. Tyron Brown, HAWKINS PARNELL & YOUNG, LLP, Atlanta, GA

2:10 P.M. – 2:50 P.M.

LESSONS LEARNED DURING THE PANDEMIC TO USE POST-PANDEMIC TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCIES

Speakers:

E. Tyron Brown, HAWKINS PARNELL & YOUNG, LLP, Atlanta, GA

Christine McAnney, *Vice President & General Counsel*,
BALFOUR BEATTY US, Atlanta, GA

Josie Nackers, *Senior Claims Counsel*, AXA XL, Atlanta, GA

The COVID-19 Pandemic has resulted in a sea change in how America does business. The Construction Industry is no exception. While the Construction Industry may not be able to shift as far into a remote mode of operation as some other industries, the pandemic showed that additional remote work, collaboration, and other worksite changes could lead to efficiencies. This panel will discuss those lessons, not only for worksite management but also other areas, including properly managing such unforeseen risks in contract drafting, supply chain management, personal safety and safety protocols, and increased digitization of operations.

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2:50 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

ARE WE THERE YET? AN OVERVIEW OF THE 2021 INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT

Speakers:

David A. Draper, LEWIS THOMASON, Knoxville, TN

Jay Thompson, MURPHY & GRANTLAND, PA, Columbia, SC

The \$1.2 Trillion Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, signed into law by President Joe Biden on November 15, 2021, includes \$550 billion in new funding to rebuild roads and bridges, water infrastructure, mass transit, airports, internet, and more. This law will help usher in a new era of transportation construction, clean energy construction, broadband construction, and much more in America. This panel will discuss this historic legislation and what it means for states, cities and communities across the country.

3:30 P.M. – 3:50 P.M.

BREAK

3:50 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

BUILDING A BETTER WORKFORCE (IN THE MIDST OF LABOR SHORTAGES, HOW THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY CAN TRAIN AND PREPARE WORKERS FOR THE FUTURE)

Speakers:

Robert deRosset, YOUNG MOORE AND HENDERSON P.A., Raleigh, NC

Theresa Schroeder, *Vice President Community & Citizenship*, TURNER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, Atlanta, GA

Mark Woodall, *Director, Governmental Affairs*, GENERAL CONTRACTORS OF GEORGIA, INC., Atlanta, GA

Wade Woodson, *AVP, Team Manager, Claims Executive Risk/A&E*, HISCOX USA, Atlanta, GA

As of July 2021, 300,000 construction jobs were unfilled. Also, the \$1.2 Trillion Infrastructure Law will create up to 2 million new jobs per year for a decade. Many, if not most, of those new jobs will be in the Construction Industry. The labor shortage in the Construction Industry was an issue long before COVID-19, albeit the pandemic accelerated this trend. The Construction Industry has to attract, train, develop and retain the labor required to perform the construction work needed to keep America safe and growing. This panel will discuss strategies and programs designed to attract, train, develop and retain the workers so vital to the Construction Industry.

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4:30 P.M. – 5:10 P.M.

CURRENT ISSUES IN SUSTAINABLE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

Speakers:

Brett Marston, GENTRY LOCKE, Roanoke, VA

D'Asia Morris Hailey, *General Counsel, Americas Region,*
GE STEAM POWER, INC., Atlanta, GA

Robert Rodriguez, *Senior Counsel,* GE RENEWABLE ENERGY, Atlanta, GA

Renewable energy resources currently make up 26% of the world's electricity today, but its share is expected to reach 30% by 2024. Renewable energy will continue to rise in the upcoming decade, edging out fossil fuels and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) showed that in 2020, the nation generated 40% of its power with non-fossil fuel sources. That figure is significantly up from just five years prior, when renewable energy sources fueled less than 20% of U.S. energy consumption. This rise indicates we are steadily moving away from our dependence on fossil fuels. This panel will discuss the trends in Renewable Energy, Sustainable Energy, and Sustainable Building Construction. This new way of thinking and acting will have a profound, positive effect on the future of America.

5:30 P.M.

SOCIAL EVENT AT TRUIST PARK - HANK AARON TERRACE

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**ATLANTA BRAVES V. CHICAGO CUBS
B A S E B A L L G A M E**

**TRUIST PARK - HANK AARON TERRACE
755 Battery Ave SE, Atlanta**

**5:30 P.M. Networking Reception
6:20 P.M. Game**



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E. TYRON BROWN is a Partner at ALFA International member firm Hawkins Parnell & Young LLP and has extensive litigation, arbitration and other dispute resolution experience in complex business, construction and professional liability cases including construction design and defect claims, claims against property owners, developers, contractors, architects, engineers and construction managers, contract disputes, directors and officers liability, business torts, unfair trade practices, business fraud, civil RICO and other professional liability claims. Mr. Brown has successfully represented some of the most recognizable Fortune 500 companies in these areas of law and represents the nation's largest minority construction company. Every year since 2015, Mr. Brown has been selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers of America in the field of Construction Law. In 2020-2021, he was Chair of the Atlanta Bar Association Construction Law Section. In 2022-2023, he will be Chair of the Atlanta Bar Association Litigation Section. He is a member of the ALFA International Construction Practice Group, the Atlanta Bar Association Construction Law Section, the DRI Construction Law Committee and the CLM Construction Law Committee.



ROBERT DEROSSET is a shareholder of ALFA International member firm Young Moore and Henderson P.A. in Raleigh North Carolina. Bob serves clients primarily in the field of construction, business, and product liability law. He tries cases at the state and federal levels in North and South Carolina. He is certified by the North Carolina Dispute Resolution Commission to conduct mediated settlement conferences in Superior Court cases and uses his perspective as a seasoned litigator to assist parties to voluntarily resolve their disputes through mediation. Bob has also completed collaborative law training and advanced collaborative law training. He is part of the effort in North Carolina to expand collaborative law into construction and business law. He is an active member of ALFA's International's Construction and Product Liability & Complex Torts Practice Groups. He is recognized in North Carolina Super Lawyers in Construction Litigation and holds an AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell. Before joining Young Moore in 2001, Bob practices law for two years in Columbia, South Carolina and served as a United States Peace Corps Volunteer in Leon, Nicaragua. When he is not working for his clients, Bob enjoys trail running and running on the streets and the greenways of Raleigh. He is a novice ultra-marathoner who has not yet run one too many races. Bob is a fan of the Raleigh area, as well as North Carolina in general, and enjoys showing visitors what the region has to offer.

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DAVID A. DRAPER is a senior shareholder at Lewis Thomason's Knoxville construction law practice group. He is an AV-rated trial lawyer with broad experience in civil litigation, arbitration, and mediation. His law practice is concentrated in construction, professional liability defense, commercial disputes and insurance coverage disputes. His construction clients include owners, designers, industrial, commercial, utility, residential general contractors, subcontractors and suppliers. He also has extensive experience in insurance coverage disputes related to the construction industry. Mr. Draper has extensive arbitration experience and serves as both an arbitrator and mediator. He is a Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 31 listed Civil Mediator. He is a founding member and past president (2015) of the Tennessee Association of Construction Counsel, and long-time member of the Steering Committee of the Construction Practice Group of ALFA International. Away from work, he enjoys playing guitar, reading works of history, attending live music shows, and exploring the outdoor wonders of Southern Appalachia.



BRETT MARSTON is a partner with ALFA International member firm, Gentry Locke in Roanoke, Virginia. Brett chairs the firm's Construction Law practice group. He has extensive experience in contract negotiations and preparation, payment disputes, mechanic's liens, bond claims, construction defects, delay claims, insurance, and OSHA matters. He handles significant construction matters in federal and state courts, arbitration, and mediation for general contractors, subcontractors, owners, design professionals, and suppliers. Brett is a graduate, with honors, from the George Mason University School of Law, and received his undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia. Prior to starting with Gentry Locke in 1994, Brett was a law clerk to the Honorable J. Calvit Clarke, Jr., Sr. Judge of the United States District Court, Eastern District of Virginia (Norfolk Division).

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CHRISTINE MCANNEY is an expert in construction law, including the negotiation, mediation and arbitration of large and complex construction-related legal matters and currently leads all these critical responsibilities for Balfour Beatty's US Civils business. Before joining Balfour Beatty, she was the head of Venable's Construction Law Group, based out of Venable's Northern Virginia office. Christine obtained her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Central Florida and is a graduate of the George Mason University School of Law. She holds multiple bar admissions, is a panel member of the American Arbitration Association and is a Fellow of the American College of Construction Lawyers.



D'ASIA MORRIS HAILEY is General Counsel - Americas Region for GE Steam Power, Inc. She is an experienced in-house counsel with a demonstrated history of providing practical solutions to complex business and legal issues. Deep domain expertise in services and equipment contracts, software licenses, cloud-based digital analytics transactions, data protection issues, risk management, claims resolution and internal compliance. Results-oriented counsel with the ability to successfully support multiple business units in a high-volume, fast paced environment while providing clear legal advice.



JOSIE NACKERS works for AXA XL, where she serves as a Senior Claims Counsel. Prior to working for XL, she was an attorney at Smith Gambrell & Russell in Atlanta. Josie received her Juris Doctorate from Emory University.

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ROBERT RODRIGUEZ partners with relevant stakeholders from leadership to operational/commercial team members to achieve GE Renewable Energy's business objectives while mitigating risk, particularly legal, commercial, compliance and reputational risk. Robert is an experienced in-house counsel and specializes in negotiating complex global power projects (conventional/renewable energy and onshore/offshore), advising leadership and sales teams on business strategies/deal structures from a commercial and operational perspective, JV oversight and management, risk management, commercial training for operational teams, construction, EPC agreements, cyber security, competition law, international law, insurance and compliance matters. Robert also has significant experience in negotiating major commercial and vendor contracts, commercial real estate, litigation management, zoning, information technology, telecommunications, supply chain matters, e-commerce agreements and sustainability.



THERESA SCHROEDER is Vice President Community & Citizenship at Turner Construction Company. She is responsible for driving community outreach and Turner Construction's brand visibility through effective corporate giving and employee volunteer efforts. Theresa is a seasoned professional in Diversity and Inclusion, Supplier Diversity, Corporate Social Responsibility, Business Development, and Employee Resource Groups. She a Certificate in Diversity and Inclusion from Cornell University, and a Certificate in Contracts and Compliance from Morgan State University.

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JAY THOMPSON is a shareholder at Murphy & Grantland P.A. in Columbia, South Carolina, where his practice focuses on defense of product liability, construction, and dram shop claims in state and federal courts. Prior to joining Murphy & Grantland, he litigated cases across the Southeast for 16 years with an AmLaw 75 law firm. Jay believes strongly in the value of skilled leadership to motivate a team to achieve more than the sum of its parts. Both from personal experience and from observations of others, he has seen many times the sharp distinction between success brought about by quality leadership and organizational health, as well as the challenges that can occur in its absence. He serves on the Board of Directors for the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association and has spoken at numerous continuing legal education seminars and provided numerous articles and publications for attorneys. Prior to practicing law, Jay's background was in computer science. He worked as a systems analyst and programmer for a major tire manufacturer before law school.



MARK WOODALL is the Director of Government Affairs at the Associated General Contractors of Georgia, Inc. He works throughout the year to monitor, craft and support legislation affecting Georgia's construction industry. Mark prepares regular updates for the AGC Georgia membership about important issues, especially during the legislative session. Mark also serves as the Staff Liaison of AGC Georgia's Legislative Committee, a dedicated group of construction industry professionals tasked with carrying out the legislative priorities of AGC Georgia. Prior to becoming the Director of Government Affairs at the AGC of Georgia, Mark was the Executive Director of the AGC in Florida. Mark received his B.S. in Criminology from Florida State University.



WADE WOODSON is an Assistant Vice President & Risk Claims Executive at Hiscox USA based in Atlanta, Georgia. Wade has extensive experience in the financial and insurance industry. He has developed business teams, units, profit centers and divisions globally with some of the nation's largest insurance companies. Wade graduated from Rutgers University with a BA in Africana Studies and Economics, and Minors in English and Physics. Wade also served as a Major in the United States Army, in the Army's Transportation Core. Wade has received multiple awards and recognition in corporate America, the military and the networking industry for leadership, development, and training.