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Professional Summary

Ms. Knudsen is a member of the firm's Construction Litigation Practice, where she concentrates her practice on construction, real estate, business litigation and business matters. She is experienced in handling public and private construction claims and disputes, including contract issues, mechanic's lien, stop notice and payment bond claims, and delay, disruption and inefficiency claims. Ms. Knudsen is also experienced in handling general business litigation, including, contractual disputes, and real property title issues. She has represented general contractors, subcontractors, private owners, sureties and title companies in various matters and capacities over the course of her career.

Representative Matters

- Representation of several general contractors on remediation school projects for San Diego Unified School District, Sweetwater Union High School District, Poway Unified School District, Los Angeles Unified School District and Las Virgenes Unified School District
- Representation of surety company on Riverside County project
- Representation of title insurance company on quiet title and lis pendens claim
- Representation of general contractor in contract negotiations for its commercial projects
- Representation of multiple general contractors on United States Government projects

Education, Distinctions & Community Involvement

Katherine M. Knudsen received her Bachelor of Arts degree from San Diego State University in 1983 and her law degree from the University of San Diego School of Law in 1986. While studying law, Ms. Knudsen attended Magdalen College, Oxford University in Oxford, England. She was admitted to practice in California in 1986. She is also admitted to practice before the United States District Court in the Southern, Central and Eastern Districts of California, the United States Court of Federal Claims, and the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals.

During her career, Ms. Knudsen has been involved in the San Diego Chapter of the National Association of Women in Construction. She served on its Board of Directors for three years and served on numerous committees as the chairperson within the association. Among her professional memberships, she has been an active member of the San Diego County Bar Association and served on its Legal Resource and Information Services Committee for six years. She also served on the Standing Committee on Legal Resource and Information Services for the American

Bar Association for three years. She is also a member of the State Bar of California. Civically, Ms. Knudsen is on the Board of Directors for the Community Association of Bernardo Heights, is a member of the San Diego North Chamber of Commerce and served on its Economic Development Committee and Streetscape Subcommittee for one year. She was selected for inclusion in the 2007 and 2008 *Southern California Super Lawyers® - San Diego* list for Construction Litigation.

News, Publications & Events

Recent Articles/Publications

- "Solid Contracts: Negotiating construction contracts to limit or avoid financial loss or liability", Interviewed by Leslie Stevens-Huffman, *SmartBusiness San Diego*, July 2008