



Alabama State Bar
Construction Industry Section



12th Annual Construction Industry Summit

December 8, 2025
Hyatt Regency Wynfrey Hotel
Birmingham, Alabama

AGENDA

- 8:15 – 8:30** **Welcome and Introduction** Charlie Baxley, Esq, Hoar Construction (Birmingham)
- 8:30 – 9:30** **Panel Discussion: Hear Construction Arbitrators’ Perspectives on the Do’s and Don’ts of this Dispute Resolution Process**
Moderator: Charlie Baxley, Esq, Hoar Construction (Birmingham)
C. Allen Gibson, Jr., Esq, Womble Bond Dickinson (US) (Charleston, SC)
Harper Heckman, Esq, Maynard Nexsen (Greensboro, NC)
Leslie King O’Neal, Esq (Winter Park, FL)
- 9:30 – 10:15** **A Tale of Two Inefficiency Claims: The Factors That Did (and Did Not) Matter**
James F. Archibald III, Esq, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings (Birmingham)
E. Glenn Waldrop, Esq, Lightfoot Franklin & White (Birmingham)
- 10:15 – 10:30** **BREAK**
- 10:30 – 11:30** **Professional Ethics Update from the Alabama State Bar**
Mark Moody, Esq, Assistant General Counsel, Alabama State Bar (Montgomery)
- 11:30 – 12:00** **How to Prepare for and Respond to an “ICE Visit” to Your Client’s Construction Site**
Bruce H. Henderson, Esq, Phelps Jenkins Gibson & Fowler (Tuscaloosa)
- 12:00 – 1:30** **LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**
- 1:30 – 2:30** **Construction Defect Claims: Mock Direct Examination of Expert Witness and How to Prepare for Cross-Examination**
Cliff Bishop, PhD, PE, SE, Exponent (Birmingham)
Joseph Leavens, Esq, Balch & Bingham (Birmingham)
W. Robert Locke, PhD, PE, Exponent (Atlanta, GA)
- 2:30 – 3:15** **Hot Topics: How to Use AI in Construction Law Practice**
Walker M. Beauchamp, Esq, Hoar Construction (Birmingham)
Jonathan B. Head, Esq, Weinberg Wheeler Hudgins Gunn & Dial (Birmingham and Orlando, FL)

3:15 – 3:30

BREAK

3:30 – 4:30

Panel Discussion: The Payment and Performance Bond Claim from the Perspective of the Surety, Contractor, and Surety Counsel

Moderator: Jonathan B. Head, Esq, Weinberg Wheeler Hudgins Gunn & Dial (Birmingham and Orlando, FL)

Miles Hester, Castle Energy Group (Meridian, MS)

Melissa Jane Lee, Esq, Manier & Herod (Nashville, TN)

Jeffrey S. Price, Esq, Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Company (Nashville, TN)

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VENUE

The **Hyatt Regency Wynfrey Hotel** (205-705-1234) is located at 1000 Riverchase Galleria, Birmingham, Alabama

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