13th Annual Construction Industry Summit

December 7, 2026
Hyatt Regency Wynfrey Hotel
Birmingham, Alabama

AGENDA

8:30 – 8:45 Welcome and Introduction
Alex G. Thrasher, Esq, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings (Birmingham)

8:45 – 9:30 Construction Licensing Update: What We Thought We Knew Isn't Necessarily So
Jonathan B. Head, Esq, Weinberg Wheeler Hudgins Gunn & Dial (Birmingham and Orlando, FL)

9:30 – 10:30 The Construction Mediator's Guide to Successful Mediations
James A. Shea Jr, Esq, Shea Mediation (Tampa, FL)
J. Allen Schreiber, Esq, Schreiber ADR (Birmingham)

10:30 – 10:45 BREAK

10:45 – 11:45 The Design-Build Process: Contractual Concerns from the Perspectives of Project Participants
Donald J. Nettles, Esq, Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz (Birmingham)
Jade E. Sipes, Esq, Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz (Birmingham)
Liz Young, AICP, HNTB Corporation (Los Angeles, CA)

11:45 – 1:15 LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:15 – 2:15 Insurance Coverage for Construction Defects: Coverage Concepts, Triggers, and Claims Lessons
Brad Ainsworth, RIMS, CFMA, Lockton Companies (Birmingham)
Kurt Narron, ARM, Lockton Companies (Houston, TX)

2:15 – 2:30 BREAK

2:30 – 3:30 Construction Claims: Protocols for Expert Witness Inspections
Michael W. Carr II, PE, Rimkus (Pensacola, FL)
David C. Metallo Jr, PE, Rimkus (Birmingham)
Michael A. Horst, PE, Wiss Janney Elstner Associates (Atlanta, GA)

3:30 – 4:30 Ethics and Artificial Intelligence: New Rules from the Alabama State Bar on Using AI in Your Practice

Jilian Jordan Evans, Esq, Law Practice Management Advisor, Alabama State Bar (Montgomery)

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VENUE

The **Hyatt Regency Wynfrey Hotel** (205-705-1234) is located at 1000 Riverchase Galleria, Birmingham, Alabama 35244.

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