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Profile



Richard Schellhammer focuses his practice on construction law and business litigation, with an emphasis on design professional malpractice defense and commercial and residential construction litigation.

Richard has experience in all aspects of the construction process, including negotiation and preparation of design and construction contracts, risk allocation, and project management. He litigates and arbitrates disputes involving design and construction errors, delay claims, building performance problems, lien and bond claims, collection of construction funds, and termination issues.

He has represented clients on projects involving manufacturing facilities, residential developments and subdivisions, public facilities, wastewater treatment facilities, jails and courthouses, underground utilities, high-rise buildings, and numerous other types of commercial and residential projects.

Richard actively participates in the alternative dispute resolution process and has served as a mediator and arbitrator in disputes with varying levels of controversy.

Richard is also a frequent speaker on construction matters and has authored papers on construction contract issues, matters involving mechanic's liens, and risk allocation among design professionals and contractors. He is actively involved in numerous legal and industry associations, including the State Bar of Texas Construction Law Section and the Dallas Bar Association Construction Law Section.

Richard served in active duty in the United States Army from 1970-1982. He remained in the Army Reserves until 1994. Richard was born in New York City.

Practice Areas

- Business and Corporate
- Construction

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- Intellectual Property
- Litigation
- Real Estate

Bar/Court Admissions

- [State Bar of Texas](#), 1982
- U.S. District Court, [Northern](#), [Southern](#), [Eastern](#) and [Western](#) Districts of Texas

Education

- [Loyola University New Orleans School of Law](#)
 - J.D., 1982, Phi Alpha Delta
- American Technological University
 - Master's Degree, Counseling Psychology, 1978
- [Virginia Military Institute](#)
 - B.A. History, 1970

Affiliations

- [State Bar of Texas, Construction Law Section](#) and Environmental Law Section
- [Dallas Bar Association, Construction Section](#), Section Chair 1987
- [Tarrant County Bar Association, Construction Section](#)
- [American Bar Association, Construction Industry & Environmental Committee and Forum Committee](#)
- United States Army, Retired, Lieutenant Colonel
- AV Preeminent Attorney, 2022
- AV Rated by [Martindale-Hubbell](#)
- Selected to the *Texas Monthly* "[Texas Super Lawyer's](#)" list 2015 - 2017
- "Top Attorney" [Fort Worth Magazine](#) 2015
- [Associated General Contractors of America](#), Member
- Named as a "2015 Power Attorney" by [Fort Worth Business Press](#)
- [State Bar of Texas Construction Law Council](#), 2014-2017
- [State Bar of Texas Construction Law Foundation](#), 2014-2017
- "Professional Liability Law" – Engineering Law and Ethics CLE (2017)
- "Understanding the Investigatory and Disciplinary Practices of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers" – Engineering Law and Ethics CLE (2017)

Military Service

- United States Army, Lieutenant Colonel, 1970-1982

Publications

- Fort Worth Office Recognized in Best Law Firms Ranked by Best Lawyers, 2024 Edition
- Twelve Underwood Lawyers Recently Recognized as 2023 Texas Super Lawyers
- Underwood Lawyers Recognized in the Best Lawyers in America, 2024 Edition

- Richard Schellhammer and Brad Timms Win at the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals.
- Underwood Attorneys Recognized as 2022 Top Attorneys by 360West Magazine



