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## Richard E. Schellhammer

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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

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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
- 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
- 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

- Ten Underwood Attorneys Selected to 2019 Super Lawyers List
- NSBA Nationwide Webinar Features Richard Schellhammer
- 13 Underwood Law Firm, P.C. lawyers named to 2019 Best Lawyers® list
- Richard Schellhammer Presents at 2018 COSA School Law Seminar Program
- Cara Kennemer and Richard Schellhammer Present on Commercial Construction Issues
- Attorneys to Present at TASA/TASB Convention and Council of School Attorneys' Conference
- 13 Underwood Attorneys Named to 2018 Best Lawyers® List
- Eight Underwood Attorneys Selected to 2017 Super Lawyers List
- Fort Worth Attorneys Win Top Attorney Award
- Presentation on Mechanics Lien Issues
- Fort Worth Top Attorneys 2016
- Best lawyers in America ©2017
- Kennemer and Schellhammer Present at State Bar Construction Conference
- Elected Council Member SBOT, Construction Law Section
- Underwood Shareholder to Present at DBA Construction Law Section Luncheon



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