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Joe Sestay brings clients more than three decades of experience in the construction industry, including working for a general contractor and then as an architect on projects large and small for private and public clients. As a lawyer, Joe's focus has been representing large general contractors and subcontractors, developers, owners, and design and construction professionals in construction-related claims, many deemed complex civil matters by the California courts. In his prior career as a licensed architect in California, Joe was a senior project architect/manager for various institutional and private clients, gaining substantial hands-on construction administration experience that gives him insights that serve his clients well to this day. Clients rely on his extensive industry experience to defend them in complex owner-contractor and contractor-subcontractor disputes involving breaches of contract, construction delay and inefficiency issues, mechanic's lien claims, bid protest issues, contractor licensing issues, bond and insurance claims, and construction defect claims. He is recognized by *Best Lawyers* in the area of Litigation – Construction.

Joe has represented building products manufacturers and suppliers in construction-related disputes, as well as commercial clients in products liability actions involving building sealants, electrical transformers, appliances, food products, and medical/cosmetic products. He serves as an arbitrator for the Orange County Bar Association Mandatory Fee Arbitration Committee and has conducted mandatory settlement conferences for the San Bernardino County Superior Court.

Professional & Community Engagement

- State Bar of California
- American Bar Association
- Orange County Bar Association
- American Institute of Architects
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
- California Supreme Court

Education

- Pepperdine University (J.D., 1999)
- City College of New York (B. Arch., 1979)
- City College of New York (B.S., 1978)

Admitted to Practice

- California

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