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Experience

Hal Block is a partner in the firm's Orange County office. He practices exclusively in the field of construction law, with particular emphasis on the representation of developers, institutional clients, and design professionals.

Mr. Block graduated from the Illinois Institute of Technology (B. Arch., 1977), and worked as an architect for five years before obtaining his law degree from the John Marshall Law School in 1982. He has authored numerous articles and treatises including "As the Walls Came Tumbling Down: Architects Expanded Liability Under Design/Build Construction Contracting," *John Marshall Law Review*; reprinted, the *Defense Law Journal* (1984), and Handbook of Construction Articles (1984); "Adventures in Claims Made Professional Liability Coverage," *Best Insurance Review*, July, 1986; "Design Build Insurance Protection," Legal Handbook for Architects, Engineers and Contractors, Clark Boardman, Fall, 1985; "Notice Provisions in Contract of Insurance," *Barrister Magazine*, Summer, 1984, reprinted: Adjuster Reference Book and *Risk Management*; "Liability Arising From Shop Drawing Review," Litigating Architects and Engineers Liability Claims, Wiley Pub., Fall, 1986 (revised edition, 2006); "Insurance Coverage for the Construction Process - Identifying and Managing the Risk," Risk and Risk Management for Construction and Industry (Consulting Editor) Clark Boardman, Fall, 1986; "Professional and General Liability Insurance Coverage," *Barrister Magazine*, Spring, 1985; "Liability Exposure Arising from the Shop Drawing Submittal Process," Claims Against Design Professionals, 1995, Wiley Law. He served as Insurance Law Editor, 1985-1988 and Co-Editor in Chief, 1988-1989, Law Practice Notes, *Barrister Magazine*, and has written legal columns for the Orange County AIA and for the Orange County chapter of the CSI. He is a frequent guest speaker and teacher for professional and trade organizations, nationally and internationally, in the areas of construction and insurance law. In February, 1997, he was awarded the CASH (Coalition for Adequate School Housing) award for his pro bono work in drafting a new set of General Conditions to be utilized in all future school construction in the State of California.

Mr. Block is a member of the Orange County and American Bar Associations (Member: Forum Committee on the Construction Industry; Torts and Insurance Practice Section and Public Contract Law Section); American Institute of Architects (Associate); Construction Specifications Institute (Professional Member) Coalition for Adequate School Housing (CASH), and American Arbitration Association (Construction Panel).

Education

- Illinois Institute of Technology, B.Arch., 1977
- John Marshall Law School, J.D., 1982

Bar Admissions

- State Bar of California
- State Bar of Illinois (inactive)

Practice Area

- Construction