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## Laurie Choi

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## Main Bio

With a background in construction management, general contracting, and civil & environmental engineering, Laurie Choi provides clients with practical and strategic solutions for real-world construction issues. Laurie counsels clients through construction contract drafting and negotiation, resolution of disputes arising from construction projects, business strategy for providing construction services, filing and bonding around mechanic's liens, and other construction concerns. Laurie obtained her Nevada General Contractor's License in 2009. She now focuses on the practice of law in both Colorado and California.

## Representative Experience

- Represented an ENR Top 50 design builder in complex litigation matter with design subcontractor venued in U.S. District Court
- Represented a national general contractor in project closeout and dispute resolution for multiple 250+ unit apartment complex projects, including several actions venued in Colorado District Court
- Drafted and negotiated prime agreements on behalf of general contractors with project values upwards of \$70 million using AIA, DBIA, EJCDC and custom forms
- Drafted subcontract forms for several national general contractors and negotiate subcontracts for projects in Colorado
- Drafted and negotiated agreements on behalf of a Fortune 500 resort and entertainment owner for the design and construction of a \$1.3 billion resort and an \$800 million resort. Agreements included Architect, Design Consultant, Engineering, General Contractor, Trade Contractor, various consulting, Construction Manager at risk, FF&E, Extension of Staff, Master Services, DAS, and Commissioning Agreements. Also assisted in revising the project's safety manual and internal procedures manuals. Worked with the company's risk management department to analyze construction and contracting-related risks
- Represented a government contractor in an arbitration with a subcontractor in defense of extra work and schedule impact claims
- Assisted at trial in representation of ski resort in case for over \$1 million in damages involving slope stability.
- Represented Top-10 ENR Engineering Firm in multiple tort actions related to a highway projects in the Rocky Mountains

- Assisted Top-10 ENR General Contractor with overhauling its standard construction agreements, including design- build agreements, joint venture agreements, P3 agreements, purchase orders, design services agreement, subcontract agreement
- Seconded to an ENR Top 10 contractor. Services involve contract review, analysis of potential claims, analysis of construction industry issues (including P3, bonding, lender consent agreement, industry-standard form construction agreement, right of entry agreements, document retention, and licensing requirements), and drafting of internal policies, procedures, and forms

## Education

- University of Southern California, Gould School of Law (J.D., 2013)
- University of California, Berkeley (B.S., Civil Engineering, 2005)

## Professional Memberships & Activities

- American Bar Association
  - Forum on Construction Law
- Colorado Bar Association
- Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Colorado

## Representative Presentations & Publications

- “Design Build and P3 Key Contract Terms and Litigation Strategy, American Society of Professional Estimators,” Marble City Summit, Presenter (June 2022)
- “Termination, Job Completion, and Contractor Payment,” ABA Forum on Construction Law, Fundamentals of Construction Law Program, Presenter (September 2021)
- “Wolters Kluwer Construction Law Updates - West Chapter,” Co-Author (2021 and 2022)
- “Managing Contractor’s Obligation to Remove Mechanic’s Liens in Colorado,” CLE Webinar, Presenter (October 2020)
- “CBA/CLE Practitioner’s Guide to Colorado Construction Law, Chapters 24- Procedural Aspects of Construction Litigation – and 30 - Green Building: A Primer for Attorneys, Second and Third Editions,” Co-Author (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition 2018, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition 2020)
- “Model Jury Instructions: Construction Litigation, Second Edition,” Co-Author (2015)
- We Are Signing Up Contractors, and Haven’t Developed our OCIP or CCIP Yet. Now What? ABA Forum on Construction Law (November 2016)

## Professional Recognition & Awards

- 5280 Magazine Top Lawyer, Construction (2021-2022)
- Best Lawyers<sup>®</sup>, Construction Law (2022)
- Super Lawyers<sup>®</sup>, Rising Star (2021-2022)

## Community Involvement

- The Park People, Denver, Colorado
  - Vice President (2020-Present)
  - Board Trustee (2015-Present)

## **Previous Professional Experience**

- Beltzer Bangert and Gunnell LLP, Partner (2017-2022)
- Beltzer LLC/PCL Construction Services, Inc., Attorney (2015-2017)
- Holland & Hart LLP, Associate (2013-2015)
- THOR Construction, Project Manager (2006-2010)
- The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company, Project Engineer (2005-2006)

## **Bar Admissions**

- Colorado
- California

## **Court Admissions**

- Supreme Court of Colorado
- Supreme Court of California