



## **J. Brian Morrow**

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Brian Morrow is a partner in the firm's Walnut Creek office. As both a professional civil engineer and lawyer, Brian helps owners, developers, designers and builders navigate and solve their problems to enhance their opportunities.

Brian focuses his practice in the areas of complex construction law, with an emphasis on construction contracting and litigation, insurance law, real estate litigation and business litigation. He understands the complexity of the Construction industry; after all, he has focused the entirety of his career in it, partnering with clients throughout the business process. As a seasoned litigator, Brian handles:

- Claims litigation, focused primarily on the preparation, negotiation and litigation of claims to help his clients receive additional time and money. This includes the analysis of complex factual and legal issues and strategizing with clients to achieve their goals.
- Counseling contractors and owners regarding the drafting and negotiating of contract terms and agreements.
- Real-time advice during construction, including claims avoidance and resolution.
- Alternative dispute resolution and litigation, including in State and Federal courts nationwide, ADR forums such as the American Arbitration Association or JAMS, and governmental and administrative agencies.

Brian's practice includes a wide variety of projects, ranging from residential construction to commercial design and construction and industrial and heavy civil construction, including roads and bridges, transportation and water projects, and power and manufacturing plants.

### **Services**

- Business Litigation

- Commercial Construction
- Construction Litigation
- Coverage & Bad Faith Litigation
- Risk Avoidance, Transfer & Management
- Real Estate Litigation

### **Professional Affiliations**

- American Bar Association - Construction Industry Forum, Litigation Section and Tort, Trial & Insurance Practice Section
- Contra Costa County Bar Association
- Bar Association of San Francisco
- Association of Defense Counsel of Northern California and Nevada
- Home Builders Association of Northern California
- Associated General Contractors of California
- American Society of Civil Engineers
- California Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors

### **Admissions**

- California, 1997
- Virginia, 2002
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia

### **Education**

- University of Iowa College of Law (*J.D.*, 1997)
- California State University, San Jose (*M.S.*, 1994)
  - Civil Engineering
- University of California, Davis (*B.S.*, 1989)
  - Civil Engineering

## **Publications**

March 19, 2020

**How to Handle COVID-19 & Shelter In Place Orders On Your Construction Project**

## **News**

April 28, 2017

**Justin Clark Joins Newmeyer Dillion's Walnut Creek Branch as Its Newest Associate**