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**Practice Areas:**

Construction and Public  
Contracts

**Education:**

University of California at  
Los Angeles School of Law  
(J.D.), Los Angeles, CA, 1985

Northwestern University  
(B.A., Psychology), Evanston,  
IL, 1982

Barbara R. Gadbois was recognized as a leading construction lawyer by the *Chambers USA Directory of Leading Lawyers* for the eleventh consecutive year. Ms. Gadbois is AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell®. She was selected for inclusion in the “*Southern California Super Lawyers*” listing by *Los Angeles Magazine* in 2004, and 2008 through 2017. Ms. Gadbois was included in the list of 2013 *Los Angeles’ Women Leaders in the Law* and she is also recognized by *Best Lawyers*®, 2016 and 2017 and in the *Legal 500*, U.S. Real estate and Construction section of their publication for the years of 2009 through 2017.

Ms. Gadbois has been a partner of the firm since 1993. She concentrates her practice in the development and management of construction projects including the drafting and negotiation of bid and contract documents, procurement issues, public works, competitive bidding requirements, bid protest issues, prequalification, project delivery methods, including design-build projects, risk allocation in contracts, claims avoidance and project closeout.

**Professional Memberships  
and Associations:**

State Bar of California  
Los Angeles County Bar Association  
- Real Property Section and Construction Subsection  
American Bar Association  
- Public Contract Law and Construction Industry Forum  
California’s Coalition for Adequate School Housing  
City Attorneys Association of Los Angeles County



**Recent Speaking Engagements:**

Speaker, Constitutional Issues Relating to Buy Local, Local Hiring and Contractor Preferences, Program Chair, Best Practices for Public Works Contracting in California, The Seminar Group (Jan. 2015)

Speaker, Unchartered Territory for Charter Cities Complying with Prevailing Wage Requirements after SB 7, CAALAC Monthly Luncheon Meeting (Jan. 2015)

Speaker, CAPPO Gateway Luncheon, Public Works Construction Law Update, (March 2012, March 2014)

Speaker, The Seminar Group, Public Construction Law, (December 2014)

Speaker, 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, California Association of Public Procurement Officials: Construction Contracts – Understanding Prevailing Wage Laws and Key Contract Terms (Jan. 2014)

Speaker, American Bar Association Forum on the Construction Industry: The Fundamentals of Construction Law (November 2013)

Speaker, Public Works and Construction Contracts Seminar, Lorman, (July 2012)

League of California Cities, City Attorneys Spring Conference (May 2012)

Speaker, “New Normal” in Labor: Living Wage Ordinances, Project Labor Agreements, and Local Hire Programs, City Attorneys Association of Los Angeles County Spring Retreat (March 2012)

Speaker, Public Works Legal Update, California Association of Public Purchasing Officers Inc. (2008-2013)

Speaker, Municipal Law: Green Design and Building, Legal Risks and Issues; Public Works Projects, Claims Avoidance, Bid Protests and Dealing with Defaulting Developers and Sureties, sponsored by CLE International (June 24-25, 2010)

Speaker, American Bar Association Forum on the Construction Industry, TIPS Fidelity and Surety Law Committee and Section of Public Contract Law: Turning a Battleship: Design-Build on Federal and State Construction Projects (Jan. 2010).

Speaker, Prevailing Wage Law in California, sponsored by Lorman Education Services (2004-2015)

**Bar Admissions:**

California Bar No. 120302, 1985

U.S. Court of Appeals 9th Circuit, 1985

U.S. District Courts Central, Eastern, Northern and Southern Districts of California, 1986

**Certifications/Specialties:**

LEED Accredited Professional, 2009

**Publications:**

Barbara R. Gadbois, Esq., (Co- Author), *WARNING to California Contractors - Extended Liability for Prevailing Wage Enforcement Actions; How to Mitigate Your Risk*, “Construction Savvy” (May-June 2014 at p. 15)

B. Gadbois (Co-Author), *Key Construction Contract Provisions*, “Construction Savvy”, (July-August 2013, at p. 8.)

B. Gadbois (Co-Author), Acret's California Public Contract Laws 2012 - 2017 Editions

B. Gadbois (Co-Author), *Turning a Battleship: Design-Build on Federal Construction Projects*, "The Construction Lawyer," Journal of the American Bar Association Forum on the Construction Industry (Winter 2011, Vol. 31, No. 1 at p. 6).

B. Gadbois (Co-Author), Chapter 2, "Bidding Private and Public Work," California Construction Law, 17th Ed., Gibbs/Hunt, Kenneth C. Gibbs, author (Wolters Kluwer Law & Business, Aspen Publisher 2011 - 2017).

B. Gadbois (Co-Author), Chapter 2, "Drafting Construction Contracts," CEB Construction Contracts, Defects, and Litigation Treatise, Cal. CEB 2010 - 2017.

B. Gadbois (Co-Author), New Caltrans Race Conscious DBE Program CMAA Southern California Chapter Newsletter, Summer 2009.

B. Gadbois, Chapter 2, "Public Contract Bidding and Bid Disputes" and Chapter 3, "Contract Drafting," California Construction Law (HLK Global Communications, Inc., 2007).

B. Gadbois (Co-Author), *The Abandonment-of-Contract Doctrine in Construction Disputes*, "Los Angeles Lawyer," the Magazine of the Los Angeles County Bar Association (January 2002, Vol. 24, No. 10 at p. 2); reprinted in "Legal Handbook for Architects, Engineers and Contractors," Albert Dib, editor, 2002.

B. Gadbois, *The New AIA General Conditions: An Overview of Key Changes*, California Construction Law reporter (May 1998, Vol. 8, No. 5 at p. 107).

B. Gadbois (Co-Author), *Public Contracts and Competitive Bidding*, "Probate and Property," the Magazine of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section, American Bar Association (September/October 1997 at p. 35).

### **Representative Clients and Experience:**

- Ms. Gadbois served as construction counsel to the Rose Bowl Operating Company for planning, administration and close-out of a multiple-year approximated \$168 million renovation and expansion project. Our services include drafting and counseling regarding RFPs, contracts, amendments for consultants; drafting and counseling regarding contracts for construction, bid protests, local business and local hire programs. Counseling and management of contract closeout including response to disputed claims and stop notices, release of escrowed funds Day-to-day assistance with administration of consultant and contractor contracts.
- Ms. Gadbois currently assists the City of Pasadena with requests for proposals, design service agreements, bidding and contract documents, contract administration and closeout for capital improvement projects including: the Glenarm Power Plant, Water and Power Office Building and Warehouse, Police Shooting Range, Fire Station #39, Urgent Care Center and park projects. She is currently assisting the City of Pasadena with a Department of Water and Power claim/litigation arising from a \$12 million project with course of construction issues and project close out claims as well as a project labor agreement for the Glenarm Plant Repowering project.
- Ms. Gadbois advises general contractors on issues relating to prequalification, bid mistakes, bid protests, outreach programs, subcontractor listing, subcontractor substitution hearings, and project close out requirements on various public works projects including projects at the John Wayne Airport in Orange County, the Adelanto Detention Center in San Bernardino

County and the Bob Hope Airport in Burbank, California.

- The City of Riverside retained Ms. Gadbois to assist the City attorneys' office in drafting a design-build ordinance and proposal documents for a library project. She is currently assisting the City of Riverside with ongoing bid and contract issues and providing option analysis for a \$200M water treatment facility expansion project.
- The City of Glendale retained Ms. Gadbois to draft a design-build contract for a public parking structure funded by the Federal Emergency Management Administration. She assisted with evaluation and drafting of change orders and project close out. Ms. Gadbois has also drafted a design-build contract for use by the City's Parks and Recreation Department. Ms. Gadbois assists the City on an ongoing basis with updates to bid documents, bid protests and course of construction issues.
- Ms. Gadbois has served Crescent Heights® Acquisitions, a high-rise residential and commercial developer, with drafting design and construction documents, assistance with project administration, change order drafting and negotiation and project closeout. Representative projects for Crescent Heights include: \$70 million Regatta Seaside Condominiums, Marina del Rey, California; \$55 million Remington Condominiums, Los Angeles, California; \$50 million Mayfair Condominiums, Atlanta, Georgia; \$90 million Metropolitan Condominiums, San Francisco, California; \$139 million Ko'olani Condominiums, Honolulu, Hawaii; and \$172M Tenth & Market Apartments, San Francisco.
- The Ojai Valley Inn & Spa retained Ms. Gadbois to draft contract documents for construction of \$50 million renovations and expansion project. Ms. Gadbois and her team assisted the Inn in resolving course of construction and project closeout disputes.
- As part of a team of prestigious law firms, Ms. Gadbois and her firm served as construction counsel to the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority. Ms. Gadbois has drafted bidding and contract documents, a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program, a Job Training Program and bid protest procedures. She provides regular consultation on issues involving bidding, contract interpretation, contract compliance, change orders, stop notice claims, and prevailing wage compliance.
- Ms. Gadbois assisted the Burbank City Attorney in review of the city charter, code and ordinances to authorize design-build procurement for an electrical switching station. Thereafter she worked with city engineers and contract managers to draft the request for qualifications and contract documents. She assisted the City in all aspects of the solicitation, evaluation and selection process and finalized the contract and related documents.
- Ms. Gadbois has drafted contract documents for design, construction management, design-build and construction of various campus expansion and renovation projects for Green Dot Public Schools, Loyola Marymount University, Santa Clara University and Chaffey Joint Union High School District.

**Teaching:**

Adjunct Professor of Law, Loyola Law School, Legal Drafting (2006)

Loyola Law School, Guest Lecturer on Construction Law (2004-2006)