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Professional Experience:

Christopher E. Ng is an equity partner of Gibbs Giden Locher Turner Senet & Wittbrodt, LLP. Chris is a member of the firm's Business and Commercial Law and Construction Law Departments where he primarily represents private and publicly-held companies in a wide range of business, commercial and construction transactions and disputes. Chris, a member of the State Bar of California and District of Columbia and licensed to practice in all California state and federal courts, is also an educator, active speaker, published author and frequent contributor to local, regional and national legal publications. For his achievements, Chris has been named a "Rising Star" by *Los Angeles Magazine* and Super Lawyers® (Thomson/Reuters) regularly since 2009, a distinction conferred upon less than 2.5% of all California attorneys.

Construction Law

Chris represents owners, contractors, subcontractors, suppliers and design professionals in connection with all aspects of private and public projects, from contract negotiation to enforcing and defending contract, mechanics lien, stop payment notice, bond and other statutory claims. These projects include commercial and industrial complexes, federal and state government projects, universities and schools, theaters, hospitals, retail stores, hotels, office buildings, restaurants and solar power projects. Clients range from recognizable world-renowned hotel owners and publicly-traded steel and solar panel manufacturers, to local specialty contractors and supply companies.

Chris is nationally recognized in the field of construction law and regularly pens articles and contributes to treatises for construction industry professionals and other lawyers including publications by the American Bar Association (ABA) Forum on the Construction Industry, Wolters Kluwer Law & Business, BNi® and the California Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB). In addition to his position as an Associate Professor of Business Law at the School of Business and Economics at California State University Northridge and guest lecturer of construction law at Loyola Law School (Los Angeles), Chris is also a frequent speaker and educator on construction law for organizations including the ABA, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Credit Management Association (CMA), Lorman Education Services and American Society of Professional Estimators, and was a featured speaker at both the 2012 (Las Vegas) and the 2015 (Boca Raton) Annual ABA Forum on Construction Law meetings. In 2013, Chris was appointed to the Division 9 Steering Committee of the ABA Forum on the Construction Industry primarily representing the interests of subcontractors, specialty trade contractors and suppliers in the construction industry. In 2015, Chris was appointed to the ABA Forum's Diversity Committee.

Business Law

Chris is uniquely well-equipped to counsel all types of business (corporations, LLCs, partnerships, startups, entrepreneurs and other business owners) in a wide variety of legal issues. He provides a broad range of legal services to protect and grow a company in every stage of the business life cycle, including: the proper formation of the appropriate business entity; drafting

and negotiating all types of contracts to manage risk; protecting trademarks, copyrights and other intellectual property; resolving claims before litigation; prosecuting and defending business-related litigation; collections; restructuring debt; enforcing judgments; and protecting creditors' rights in bankruptcy. Chris is also an Associate Professor of Business Law at the School of Business and Economics at California State University, Northridge, where for more than a decade, he has taught subjects including contracts, commercial law, civil procedure, alternative dispute resolution, remedies, negligence and intentional torts such as defamation, trespass, nuisance, commercial misappropriation, and fraud.

Commercial Law

Chris also regularly assists manufacturers, distributors and retailers with a vast array of commercial law issues, including: drafting standard terms and conditions for the sale or purchase of goods; advising clients regarding troublesome contract terms; ensuring proper contract administration; handling shipping disputes and risk of loss; representing clients in commercial disputes and litigation; and assisting with enforcing judgments and collections. Chris's varied commercial clientele includes buyers and sellers of all types of goods including steel, solar panels, oil and petroleum products, apparel, electronic components and composite goods.

Practice Areas:

Construction Law; Business Litigation; Commercial Disputes; Contracts; and Collections.

Education:

Pepperdine University School of Law (J.D. 2001, *cum laude*)

- Judicial Clerk for The Honorable Lawrence J. Mira, The Honorable James A. Albracht, The Honorable Terry J. Adamson, Los Angeles County Superior Court, West District, 1999-2000
- Law Clerk, Los Angeles County District Attorneys Office, Career Criminal Division, Van Nuys, California

California State University, Northridge (B.S., Business Administration 1998, *magna cum laude*)

Professional Memberships and Associations:

California State Bar (Bar No. 216969, Admitted 2001)

District of Columbia Bar (Bar No. 999805, Admitted 2011)

United States District Court, Central District of California (Admitted 2001)

United States District Court, Eastern District of California (Admitted 2002)

United States District Court, Northern District of California (Admitted 2002)

United States District Court, Southern District of California (Admitted 2002)

American Bar Association

- Advisory Committee Member for the Forum on Construction Law 2017 National Mid-Winter Meeting
- Division 9 (Specialty Trade Contractors and Suppliers) Steering Committee, Forum on Construction Law
- Diversity Committee, Forum on Construction Law

Recent Speaking Engagements:

Speaker, ABA Forum on Construction Law – (2015 Annual Meeting, Boca Raton, Florida)

- Topic: The Construction Lawyer's Bucket List – Warranties, Guarantees and Statutes of Limitation

Speaker, Credit Management Association (CMA)– (April 2015, Burbank, California)

- Topic: The Battle of the Forms and Commercial Law Issues

Speaker, Credit Management Association (CMA) (March 12, 2015, Burbank, California)

- Topic: Nuts & Bolts of California Construction Law

Speaker, Credit Management Association (CMA) (March 6, 2015, Milpitas, California)

- Topic: California Construction Payment Remedies – Essential Collection Rights and Remedies

Speaker, Gibbs Giden Construction Law Seminar Series (November, December 2014)

- Topic: Nuts & Bolts of California Construction Law: Liens, Stop Payment Notices, Payment Bond and Contract Claims and other Collection Issues

Speaker, ABA Forum on Construction Law – Division 9 Meeting (September 2014)

- Topic: Current Subcontractor and Supplier Miller Act and State Payment Bond Claim Issues-- Avoiding the Common Pitfalls to a Subcontractor or Material Supplier's Recovery on Federal and State Projects.

Session Coordinator, ABA Forum on Construction Law (2014 Fall Meeting, Chicago)

- Topic: Strategies for Success in the Post-Recession Economy

Regional Coordinator, ABA Forum on Construction Law (2013 Program, Century City, CA)

- Topic: The Fundamentals of Construction Law

Speaker, GGLTS 19th Annual Review Preview Construction Law Conference (January 2013)

- Topic: Statutory Remedy Updates - Changes Affecting Public Entities, Private Owners, Contractors, and Material Suppliers.

Panelist, ABA Forum on Construction Law (2012 Annual Meeting, Las Vegas)

- Topic: Does the CM Hold All the Cards? A Critical Look at CM as Agent and CM at Risk and Where it is Headed.

Panelist, GGLTS 18th Annual Review Preview Construction Law Conference (January 2012)

- Topic: Statutory Remedy Revisions - A Panel Presentation on What You Need to Know About the Changes Affecting Public Entities, Private Owners, Contractors, and Material Suppliers.

Other Past Speaking Engagements and Topics:

The Battle of the Forms (2014); Sexual Harassment: Keeping it Zipped (2014); Nuts & Bolts of California Construction Law: Contract and Statutory Remedies (2014); Purchasing Law in California (2013); Surviving in the Construction Industry for Material Suppliers and Distributors (2005-2013); A Subcontractor's Guide to Surviving in the Construction Industry (2009-2013); Statutory Remedies on Public and Private Projects (Lorman Education Services); Construction Liens and Other Construction Issues in California (Lorman Education Services); Mechanics Liens and Other Remedies in California (Los Angeles County Bar Association); Construction Claims in California; Project Administration: Termination and Project Close-Out and Post Completion Issues.

Bar Admissions:

California Bar No. 216969, 2001

District of Columbia, 2011

U.S. District Courts Central, 2001

U.S. District Courts, Eastern, Northern and Southern Districts of California, 2002

Publications:

Christopher Ng, co-author, *Is the Construction Manager Holding Any of the Cards? A Critical Look at Construction Management at Risk Today*, The Construction Lawyer, Journal of the ABA Forum on the Construction Industry, Volume 32, Number 4, Fall 2012.

Christopher Ng, received special acknowledgement for consulting and contributing to the California Mechanics Liens and Related Construction Remedies, Fourth Edition, Continuing Education of the Bar, California, June 2012 publication.

Christopher Ng, co-author, *Change Is Coming to California's Mechanics Lien Law* from the May 2012 issue of the Real Property Reporter, Continuing Education of the Bar - California (CEB).

Christopher Ng, annotation co-author, Acret's California Mechanics Lien Laws 2012, (BNi

Publications 2012).

Christopher Ng, co-author, *Does the CM Hold All the Cards? A Critical Look at CM as Agent and CM at Risk and Where it is Headed*, written materials, (ABA Forum on the Construction Industry 2012 Annual Meeting).

Christopher Ng, co-author, *California Construction Law – Seventeenth Edition, 2012 Supplement*, Kenneth C. Gibbs and Gordon Hunt, Chapter 12 – Bankruptcy in the Construction Industry (Wolter Kluwer Law & Business 2012-2014).

Christopher Ng, *California Construction Law – 2007 Edition*, Chapter 11 - Project Closeout (HLK Global Communications, Inc. 2007).

Christopher Ng, *Investigate the Payment Bond Surety - Or Else!* CASH Register, Volume XXI, July, 2000.

Teaching:

Associate Professor of Business Law at the School of Business and Economics at California State University, Northridge; 2005-2015 subjects include contracts, intentional torts, negligence, civil procedure and alternate dispute resolution.

Guest Lecturer on Construction Law, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, California

Honors:

Super Lawyers, Thomson Reuters Publication, Southern California Rising Stars (2009-2012, 2015)