

Timothy M. “Tim” Gibbons

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In a previous career as an architect, I learned the fundamentals of design and construction that now set me apart from most construction lawyers. I can speak the language and understand the drawings and specs, saving clients time and money.

Tim Gibbons holds a valuable background in architecture which serves his construction and development clients well. His creative side views issues from many perspectives, and he has an innate ability to resolve disputes without litigation, electing to use other avenues such as mediation and arbitration. However, he has represented private and public organizations in local, state, and federal court. He counsels clients on disputes over differing site conditions, lost efficiency, change orders, defective design, structure collapses, and job site fatalities. In addition, Tim negotiates and drafts contracts for everything from personal homes to multi-billion dollar construction projects for leading international manufacturers.

Overall, Tim's clients spend less time educating him because he speaks the industry language and can understand the details due to his background in the field. Though his clients are based primarily in the southeast region of the country, Tim has resolved matters throughout the nation. His clients are often concerned with contract issues like indemnification, insurance, waiver provisions, and concealed and unknown conditions, as well as specialized contract provisions and dispute resolution provisions.

Experience

Successfully represented general contractor in AAA arbitration, and obtained an award denying owner's claims of fraud and Civil RICO violations alleging over \$2 million in damages for commercial construction project.

Resolved hundreds of disputes, through litigation, arbitration or mediation, including disputes involving differing site conditions, lost efficiency, change orders, defects, delay claims, structure collapses, job site fatalities, and lien and payment disputes

Services

- Arbitration, Mediation, and Dispute Resolution
- Capital Equipment and Materials
- Commercial Litigation
- Construction and Design
- Litigation and Risk Management

Industries

- Automotive
- Chemical
- Communications, Technologies, and Utilities
- Construction
- Manufacturing

Admissions

- Georgia
- Tennessee
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court Northern District of Georgia
- U.S. Supreme Court

Education

- J.D., University of Georgia School of Law, magna cum laude, 1991

Provided legal advice to owners, general contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, sureties, and design professionals

Practiced as a licensed architect in Georgia: Designed numerous projects, performed site inspections, familiar with construction means and methods, project design, budgeting, and scheduling

Served as arbitrator and mediator resolving over 100 cases involving defective design and construction, water infiltration and mold, payment disputes between general contractors and subcontractors, and licensing issues, among others

A few representative clients:

- [Electrify America, LLC](#)
- [Hudson Construction Company](#)
- [McKee Foods Corporation](#)
- [Lawson Electric Co.](#)
- [P&C Construction](#)
- [Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.](#)

Associations

Professional

- Construction Lawyers Society of America (CLSA), Charter Fellow
- Trial Law Institute, Member
- Diversity Law Institute, Member
- Order of Optimus, Barrister
- American Arbitration Association, Construction Roster of Neutrals, Member, 2015-present; Roster of Mediators, Member, 2020-present
- Associated General Contractors of America, Committee on Construction Contracts
- Tennessee Association of Construction Counsel, Founding Member
- Associated General Contractors of East Tennessee, past Board of Directors
- Associated General Contractors of Georgia, past member
- Meritas, past Construction Section Chair

Bar Associations

- Tennessee Bar Association, Construction Law Section, past Chair
- Chattanooga Bar Association
- State Bar of Georgia
- Lookout Mountain Bar Association

Noteworthy

- Chambers USA – Construction, Band 2, 2024
- *Best Lawyers in America*, "Chattanooga Construction Lawyer of the Year," 2017, 2019, 2022
- *Best Lawyers in America*, Construction Law, Litigation – Construction
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers*, Construction Litigation, 2012, 2014-2019, 2023-2024

- M.S.I.M, Georgia Institute of Technology, 1982
- M. Arch., Georgia Institute of Technology, 1981
- B.S., Georgia Institute of Technology, with honors, 1979

- *BTI Client Service All-Stars in Construction Law*, The BTI Consulting Group, 2015
- Construction Lawyers Society of America (CLSA), 2017 CLSA Law Firm Award
- Martindale-Hubbell® AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated
- Avvo 10.0 Rating
- American Jurisprudence Award, Civil Procedure and Legal Research and Writing
- *Georgia Law Review*, Editorial Board, 1989-1990
- "Order of the Coif" National Law School Society

Community

- National Center for Youth Issues, Board of Directors
- Georgia Tech Club of Chattanooga, past President
- Christian Legal Society
- Choral Arts of Chattanooga

Sidebar

Tim is a husband and father of four. In addition to staying busy at work, Tim likes to stay busy at home. He is a craftsman around the house and enjoys building and woodworking. Some of his projects include building an entry porch, renovating the kitchen, cabinet work, tile work, and a custom fireplace mantle. Drawing on his first profession as an architect, he has designed multiple additions for his home. He also enjoys tinkering on old cars, driving them, and introducing his grandchildren to the classics. Tim stays busy out of the house, too, singing in the Choral Arts of Chattanooga. He is originally from Atlanta, Georgia, and attended undergrad and grad school at Georgia Tech, where he lettered on the gymnastics team.