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Ben Shapiro, senior counsel in the Firm's Atlanta office, is a member of the Construction Group.

Mr. Shapiro represents owners, general contractors, subcontractors, suppliers and design professionals in construction disputes in state and federal courts, arbitration and mediation. He has been AV[®] Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell for 30 years, the highest possible peer review rating for legal ability and ethical standards.

Mr. Shapiro is a co-founder of Georgia Legal Services Program, the state-wide legal service system in Georgia. Mr. Shapiro is also a Fellow in the American College of Construction Lawyers. He is past chair of the Construction Law Section of the Atlanta Bar Association and he served as a Trustee of Emory University from 1990 to 1996.

Mr. Shapiro attended the United States Naval Justice School and served in the Judge Advocate General Corps in the Naval Reserve.

Representative Matters

- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of an engineering, design and construction management firm in the Superior Court of Chatham County, Georgia, on the basis that the plaintiff had no contract with the firm, nor was it a party to a joint check agreement.
- Obtained summary judgment for a tile supplier as plaintiff in a case seeking payment for floor tile alleged by the defendant to be defective. The tile was installed and in use in a shopping mall. Under the Uniform Commercial Code, a notice of rejection is not "a rejection of tile already in place."
- Defeated case brought against a construction management company by a competitor after client lured 30+ engineers to leave, effectively shuttering competitor's Georgia facility. Case was abandoned after we won several initial motions before state and federal courts.

Professional Honors & Activities

- Member – Atlanta, Georgia and American Bar Associations
- Member – District of Columbia Bar Association
- Member – U.S. Court of Federal Claims
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*[®] in Construction Law since 2003
- Listed in *Georgia Super Lawyers* since 2004
- Fellow – American College of Construction Lawyers
- Selected by *Georgia Super Lawyers* as one of the Top 100 Lawyers in 2006
- Listed in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers* in the area of Construction since 2004
- Listed in *The International Who's Who of Construction Lawyers* (2019, 2020)
- Past President – Associated Builders and Contractors of Georgia, Inc.
- President – Emory Law School Alumni Association
- Listed in The Emory Law 100
- Selected by the Georgia Legal Services Program (GLSP) as the "GLSP Champion of Justice," 2012



Education

- Emory University School of Law, J.D., 1967
- Emory University, B.A., 1964
- United States Naval Justice School



Admissions

- Georgia, 1966