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Neal Sweeney is a partner on the firm's Construction practice team, based in the Atlanta office. He has been serving the construction industry for 30 years, focusing exclusively on construction law and government contracts with extensive experience on major infrastructure and P3 projects, such as, transit, airports, highways, wastewater treatment, and tunnels. He is also involved in energy and industrial projects, involving clean technology such as hydro, solar, wind, geothermal, integrated gasification combined cycle, and landfill gas.

Throughout his career, Mr. Sweeney has successfully negotiated contracts for engineering, design-build, O&M, and equipment equaling billions of dollars. He also provides legal support throughout the life of a project, focusing on risk mitigation and real time dispute resolution, representing contractors, designers, and public and private owners.

Some of his most noteworthy litigation efforts have been his participation in the trials of various large and complex construction disputes in court and in arbitration, and before federal boards of contract appeals involving the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, GSA, the VA, and other federal agencies.

Before joining Jones Walker LLP, Mr. Sweeney practiced at the Atlanta office of an Am Law 100 firm, where he was a partner on both the Construction and Infrastructure and the Water and Wastewater teams.

In addition to his practice, Mr. Sweeney has edited or coauthored more than 25 books on construction law and regularly contributes to industry publications. He frequently lectures for various construction industry organizations and educational institutions, including AGC, ACEC, ARTBA, NACWA, DBIA, Georgia Tech, Stanford University, and the University of Florida. Mr. Sweeney received his law degree, cum laude, from George Washington University and his undergraduate degree, magna cum laud, from: Rutgers University. He has been listed in Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers for Construction Law as well as in The Best Lawyers in America® since 2004. He is the Immediate Past President of the Southeast Chapter of the Design-Build Institute of America.