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Jeff Gilmore chairs Akerman's Construction Practice, a team dedicated to providing practical counsel on the legal aspects of major construction initiatives and infrastructure projects around the world. Jeff is sought after for his domestic and international experience in many segments of the construction industry on both private and public projects. He is repeatedly ranked by *The Legal 500* and *Chambers USA*, which describes him as "extremely talented and astute at strategy."

With a practice focused on innovative project delivery systems, including EPC, design-build, and P3, Jeff has represented clients on a wide range of projects involving renewable and conventional energy, rail, airport improvements, surface transportation infrastructure, petrochemical facilities, healthcare, multifamily housing, and challenging water and wastewater systems. He assists public and private owners, contractors, design professionals, and other project participants with advice on contract terms, compliance issues, and the resolution of disputes arising out of the performance of complex design and construction contracts.

Jeff has earned widespread praise for his keen ability to provide creative advice on the intricacies of construction matters. In addition to being recognized by *Chambers USA* and *The Legal 500*, Jeff has been recommended in the Southeast for Construction; *The Best Lawyers in America* for Construction Law; and the *Virginia Business Legal Elite* in the Construction category.

Notable Work

Major Metropolitan Utility Owner: Litigation counsel in defense of claims approaching \$100 million by EPC contractor for power generation facility.

Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA): Counsel for construction phase disputes involving multiple projects, including Phase 2 of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project.

Areas of Experience

Construction
Construction Litigation and Dispute Resolution
Energy and Infrastructure
Government Agency Litigation
Government Contracts
Hospitality
International Litigation and Arbitration
Power Generation, Petrochemical, and Process
Construction
Public-Private Partnerships
Real Estate
Real Estate Litigation
Multifamily Development and Acquisitions
Hospitality Dispute Resolution
Data Centers and Digital Infrastructure

Education

J.D., William & Mary Law School, 1982
B.A., Miami University, Economics, 1979

Admissions

Bars

District of Columbia
Maryland
Virginia

Courts

U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia
U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia
U.S. District Court, District of Maryland

Related Content

112 Akerman Lawyers Across the U.S. Named to 2023 *Super Lawyers* and Rising Stars Lists

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA): Lead litigation counsel in connection with defense of \$30 million in claims asserted by design builder arising out of extension of WMATA's Blue Line.

Renewable Energy: Representation of Owner/Developer of a 75 megawatt biomass-energy plant involving the conversion of a former paper mill into a state-of-the-art power generation facility, involving litigation in three forums, resulting in client recovery of damages and dismissal of contractor claims.

EPC Contractor: Represented EPC contractor in connection with claims on an ethanol bio-fuel facility.

Mixed-use Complex: Represented developer/owner of mixed-use complex (residential, retail, entertainment) in connection with termination of prime contractor and resolution of subcontractor disputes.

Power Generation Facility Owner: Litigation counsel for European owner in recovery of damages related to performance deficiencies and defense of EPC contractor delay and disputed constructive change claims in excess of \$200 million.

Construction Owner: Representation as lead litigation counsel in wrongful termination claims asserted by prime contractor.

Passenger Rail System Owner: Defense of claims arising out of design-build contract for construction of power conversion facility associated with electric traction improvements.

Public Owner: Defense of claims asserted by general contractor on project involving construction of municipal sanitary and storm sewer system.

Owner/Developer of Hydroelectric Project: Defense of claims by contractor and turbine manufacturer.

Masonry and Electrical Contactors: Represented in claims on federal prison project.

Published Decisions

- *Weiss v. City of Gainesville*, Case No. 1:05-cv-00158-MP-AK, 2010 WL 1192303 (N.D. Fla. March 23, 2010), aff'd, per curiam, March 21, 2012 (11th Cir. 2012)
- *Fujian Pacific Electric Company Limited v. Bechtel Power Corporation*, No. C04-3126 MHP, (USDC Northern District of CA, 2004)
- *Hawkeye Funding, Ltd. P'ship v. Duke/Fluor Daniel*, 307 AD2d 828, 763 NYS.2d 574 (NY App.Div.1st Dep't, 2003)
- *Choctaw Generation Ltd. v. American Home Assurance Company*, 271 F.3d 403 (2nd Cir. 2001)
- *Capital Indemnity Corporation v. The Mountbatten Surety Company, Inc.*; (USDC for District of Maryland, 2001)
- *ABB Daimler-Benz Transportation (North America, Inc.), v. National Railroad Passenger Corporation, et al.*, 14 F.Supp.2d 75, (USDC District of Columbia, 1998)
- *Cyberchron Corporation v. CallData Systems Development, Inc.*, 47 F.3d 39, (US Court of Appeals, 2d Cir., 1995)

September 28, 2023

Record Number of Akerman Lawyers Named to *The Best Lawyers in America* 2024 Guide
August 22, 2023

Akerman Named a *Construction Executive* Top 50
Construction Law Firm
June 09, 2023

- *Urban Masonry Corporation, v. N&N Contractors, Inc.*, 676 A.2d 26, (DC Court of Appeals, 2d Cir., 1995)
Edward T. Rappold, et al. v. Indiana Lumbermens Mutual Insurance Company, 246 Va. 10; 431 SE2d 302 (Supreme Court of Virginia, 1993)
- *Fisk-Allied, a Joint Venture v. Manhattan Construction Company, Inc.*, 835 F. Supp. 334 (USDC Eastern District of Texas, Beaumont Division, 1993)
- *MW Builders of Kansas, Inc. v. VT Properties, Inc. et al.*, 246 Va.255; 435 SE.2d 145 (Supreme Court of Virginia, 1993)
- *Gust K. Newberg Construction Company v. County of Fairfax, et al.*, (US Court of Appeals, 4th Cir, 1992)
- *Bush Development Corporation v. Harbour Place Associates, et al.*, 632 F.Supp.1359; (USDC for the Eastern of Virginia, Norfolk Division, 1986)

Related Professional Experience

- Supreme Court of Virginia, Law Clerk

Published Work and Lectures

- *Virginia Lawyer*, Co-Author, “Going Off the Rails with the Purple Line: Lessons in Project Delivery and Risk Management,” April 2021
- *Virginia Construction Law Deskbook*, Chapter Author, “Contract Delivery Systems,” 2008-15
- *Construction Accounting - A Guide for Attorneys and Other Professionals*, Co-Author, Chapter 7, “Contract Types and Accounting Issues Related to Changes in Price and Cost Reimbursement,” American Bar Association, 2010
- *Fifty State Construction Lien and Bond Law*, Chapter Author, “Virginia Law,” 2nd Edition, 2005-10
- *Design-Build Contracting Handbook*, Chapter Author, “Design-Build Risks in the Transportation Arena,” 2nd Edition, Aspen Law & Business, 2001

Affiliations

- District of Columbia Bar Association, Member
- Maryland State Bar Association, Member
- Virginia State Bar, Member

Honors and Distinctions

- *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2005-2024, Listed in Virginia for Arbitration, Commercial Litigation, Construction Law, Litigation - Construction, Mediation
- *Chambers USA*, 2022-2023, Ranked in Washington, D.C. for Construction
- *Chambers USA*, 2008-2021, Ranked in Virginia for Construction
- *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2006-2021, Listed in Virginia for Construction Litigation: Business, Construction/Surety, and Government Contracts
- *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2007-2008, 2010-2011, 2018-2019, 2021-2022 Listed in Washington, D.C. for Construction Litigation, Construction/Surety, and Government Contracts
- *The Legal 500*, 2011-2023, Recommended for Real Estate and Construction – Construction
- *Who’s Who Legal*, Listed for Construction, 2014
- *The Legal 500*, 2010, Leading Lawyer for Construction

- *The Legal 500*, 2009, Recommended in the Southeast for Construction
- *Virginia Business Magazine*, Recognized as one of Virginia's "Legal Elite" for Construction