

KURT L. DETTMAN, ESQ.

- Training
- Partnering
- Dispute Review Boards
- Early Neutral Intervention
- Mediation
- Arbitration
- Organizational Consulting

SUMMARY

Mr. Dettman draws on his legal and public management experience in the construction industry to foster dispute prevention and resolution, focusing on open communication and consensus building among contractors, owners, attorneys, and consultants.

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CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Senior Counsel and Chief Counsel of \$14.7B Central Artery/Tunnel Project, managing all legal issues on the project.

Associate Project Director for Claim Resolution on CA/T Project, managing the resolution of thousands of construction claims with a claimed value of over \$460M.

Advisor to Princeton University on the \$50M Lewis Library Project.

Liaison between outside counsel and expert team on a City of Boston lawsuit involving a multi-million dollar claim on installation of a fire protection system.

Advisor for Massachusetts Executive Office of Transportation and Public Works on its construction claims process and on multi-million dollar claims.

Chairperson of DRBs on two \$45M+ bridge projects and Member of DRB on \$100M+ highway project in Ohio.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Various mediations and arbitrations involving court matters and construction claims.

Formerly a commercial litigator at two leading Boston law firms.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (A.D.R.) TRAINING AND QUALIFICATIONS

40-hour training by Mediation Works, Inc. and Harvard Program on Negotiation

Commercial Arbitrator panel of the American Arbitration Association

Mediator panel of the Massachusetts Office of Dispute Resolution

Arbitrator panel of the American Dispute Resolution Center, Inc.

Arbitrator/Mediator/DRB panels of Construction Dispute Resolution Services, LLC

Arbitrator panel of FINRA (formerly NASD)

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK)

Arbitration panel of the National Arbitration Forum

Dispute Resolution Board Foundation Member and Chairperson Training

Caltrans DRB and Dispute Resolution Advisor Training

ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association, Section of Dispute Resolution (Co-chair of the Arbitration Committee; Chair, Disclosure Subcommittee of the Arbitration Committee) and Forum on the Construction Industry (Member)

Association for Conflict Resolution (Member of Leadership Council of the Commercial Section; Co-chair of Real Estate and Construction Committee)

Transportation Research Board (Member of Committee on Contract Law)

Dispute Resolution Board Foundation (Co-regional Representative/New England)

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Massachusetts Uniform Mediation Act Working Group (Process, Legislative and Public Sector Committees (Chair))

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Speaker at many conferences and groups on the use of ADR in the construction industry, including the American Bar Association Section of Public Contract Law Annual Federal Procurement Institute; Construction Management Association of America Annual Conference; Transportation Research Board's Annual Legal Workshop and Annual Conference; San Francisco and London Superconferences; American Road and Transit Builders Annual Conference; Connecticut Bar Association and Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers; Federal ADR Working Group; Ohio Transportation and Engineering Conference; Construction Specifications Institute (NH chapter); National Contract Management Association (Boston Chapter); Caltrans Contract Law Workshop; American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution Annual Conference; Association For Conflict Resolution Advanced Commercial Mediation Institute; Boston Bar Association; and Engineering Society of Detroit.

PUBLICATIONS

Published articles on DRB practice in the *Dispute Resolution Board Foundation Forum*, including "What Role Should Lawyers Play in the DRB Process?"; "End of the Contract Claims"; Tips for Handling Complex Claims Before the DRB"; and "The Use of 'Adjudication DRBs' Where Parties Are Subject to Adjudication or Arbitration Processes."

BACKGROUND AND EDUCATION

2006 – present	Constructive Dispute Resolutions (Principal)
2005	Carter & Burgess, Inc. (Claims Services Manager)
1992–2005	Central/Artery Tunnel Project (Senior Counsel, Chief Counsel, Associate Project Director For Claim Resolution)
1989–1992	Hutchins & Wheeler (Senior Associate)
1984 – 1989	Palmer & Dodge (Associate and Senior Associate)
1983–1984	Law Clerk to the Hon. William Callow, Wisconsin Supreme Court
	J.D., University of Wisconsin–Madison (Managing Editor, <i>Wisconsin Law Review</i>)
	B.A., University of Wisconsin–Madison (Phi Beta Kappa)