



Slade Sevier

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OVERVIEW

Slade Sevier is a partner at the firm's Nashville office and a member of the Construction and Infrastructure practice group. With his engineering background and more than 18 years of litigation and contract negotiation experience, Slade strives to use industry knowledge to craft unique approaches and achieve cost effective resolutions to client problems. His litigation practice includes representing clients in disputes subject to arbitration, before state and federal courts, and before governmental agencies with respect to a wide variety of matters, including disputes involving breach of contract, negligence, real estate, leases, tax appeals, eminent domain, intellectual property, bid protests, licensing, general business matters, and construction. Slade has considerable experience in the health care, higher education, energy, manufacturing, and hospitality sectors and with industrial, office, retail, multi-family, hotel, and commercial development.

Slade has extensive litigation experience in the construction industry, which consists of representing public and private owners, developers, tenants, contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, and designers in various types of construction and real estate related disputes involving issues such as construction and design defects, scheduling, disruption and delay, codes violations, licensing requirements, payment claims, mechanics' and materialmen's liens, prompt pay claims, copyright infringement, consumer protection act, and bond and insurance claims. For example, Slade recently represented the owner of a new manufacturing plant in a dispute with its general contractor that involved approximately \$50M in change order claims and \$35M in defective and omitted work counterclaims. A significant portion of Slade's litigation practice involves alternative dispute resolution (mediation, arbitration, etc.).

Slade's transactional practice primarily involves reviewing, drafting, and negotiating construction, design, maintenance, installation, operating, service, joint venture, and other agreements related to energy, industrial or real estate development. He has experience with manuscript and industry standard forms and engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) contracts, and extensive experience with the forms of the American Institute of Architects (AIA documents). The types of projects have included hospital and healthcare facilities, medical office buildings, senior living facilities, office towers and tenant build-outs, educational facilities, industrial and manufacturing facilities, renewables, energy, and utility facilities, apartments, condominiums, on-campus residential, and single-family residential, retail, hospitality and entertainment venues, and mixed-use developments throughout the country.

Slade is also registered to practice patent law before the United States Patent and Trademark Office and a registered Professional Engineer.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Before law school, Slade was a professional engineer with a design/consulting firm in Nashville. This experience involved commercial, industrial and residential developments, construction permitting, zoning and code compliance, surveying, roadway and traffic design, construction supervision, utility and infrastructure design, earthwork, site grading, floodplain analysis, stormwater management, and dam design.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Best Lawyers in America® "Lawyer of the Year," Construction Law, 2022
- Best Lawyers in America® "Lawyer of the Year," Litigation - Real Estate, 2021
- The Legal 500 United States "Recommended Lawyer"

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- American Bar Association, Forum on the Construction Industry
- Nashville Bar Association
- Tennessee Bar Association
- National/Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers
- Tennessee Association of Construction Counsel, Former Director
- Safe Haven Family Shelter, Former Exec Member, Advisory Board
- Metro Stormwater Management Committee, Former Board Member and Chairman

EDUCATION

- J.D., Vanderbilt Law School, 2003 (*Law Review; Moot Court Board*)
- B.S., University of Tennessee, 1995 (*Civil and Environmental Engineering, cum laude*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Tennessee
- United States Patent and Trademark Office
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee

- United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee

NEWS & EVENTS

- 19 August 2021, Nearly 300 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2022 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch (*Rankings & Recognitions*)
- 3 February 2021, K&L Gates Launches Nashville Office with Hire of 25+ Lawyers (*Press Release*)

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Construction and Infrastructure
- Real Estate Development and Construction
- Renewables

INDUSTRIES

- Automotive
- Consumer Products
- Health Care Sector
- Higher Education Institutions
- Manufacturing