



Williams Mullen Adds Prominent Construction Lawyers to Tysons Corner Office Attorneys Robert Cox, Brian Cashmere and Arnie Mason Join Law Firm from Watt Tieder

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Williams Mullen is pleased to announce that attorneys Robert K. Cox, Brian Cashmere and Arnie B. Mason have joined the law firm as partners in our Construction and Government Contracts practices. The three prominent construction lawyers were previously with Watt, Tieder, Hoffar & Fitzgerald and will be based in Williams Mullen's Tysons Corner office. The group's clients include business owners, contractors, subcontractors, suppliers and sureties.

The team practices regionally, nationally and internationally and will continue to be construction-focused and resolution-oriented, involved with the full spectrum of issues commonly confronted on construction projects from bid to closeout, including contract negotiations, claims and counseling, change orders and claims preparation, evaluation and review. They will also continue their Government Contracts practice, to include government procurement/bid protests, terminations, OSHA compliance, small business contracting opportunities, and False Claims Act defense and counseling. Mr. Cox, Mr. Cashmere and Mr. Mason also bring a collective 60 years of dispute resolution experience in trials, litigation, and various forms of ADR, including DRBs, mediation, and arbitration, both nationally and internationally.

With more than 35 years of experience focusing on public and private construction and surety law issues, Bob Cox will chair the Construction Practice Group at Williams Mullen. He prepares and negotiates construction contracts, evaluates construction claims and works to resolve matters through mediation, arbitration and in court. Mr. Cox earned his J.D. from George Washington University Law School and his undergraduate degree from Cornell University.

Brian Cashmere represents contractors, subcontractors and sureties with issues related to Construction and Government Contracting. For more than 15 years, Mr. Cashmere has counseled private and public sector contractors and engineers on virtually all phases of work from bid to closeout. Mr. Cashmere also prepares, prosecutes and resolves contract claims under public, private and international contracts

through negotiation, mediation, litigation and arbitration. Prior to his legal career, Brian served with distinction as a United States Naval Officer. He earned his J.D. from George Washington University, his M.B.A. from the University of Rochester, Simon School of Business, and his B.A. from the University of Rochester.

Arnie Mason focuses his practice on construction projects, representing general contractors, subcontractors and sureties in contract formation, contract administration, claims, litigation and various forms of alternative dispute resolution. He prepares and negotiates various forms of contractual arrangements, including construction contracts, joint venture agreements, teaming agreements and mentor-protégé agreements. Mr. Mason also advises clients on federal government construction contracts, state and private projects. He earned his J.D. from the College of William & Mary and his B.A. from the University of Virginia.

Thomas R. Frantz, president and CEO of Williams Mullen, comments, "We have a thriving Construction Practice Group at Williams Mullen, and the addition of Bob Cox, Brian Cashmere and Arnie Mason will undoubtedly raise our scope and potential even further. Bob is an outstanding attorney and his experience and stature will provide unparalleled guidance to this group as chair." The addition of the team will also broaden and strengthen Williams Mullen's capabilities in serving clients in the area of government contracts.

Williams Mullen's Construction Practice Group has extensive experience in all aspects of construction contracting and public procurement. We routinely work in all phases of project development and construction including site acquisition and financing, design, bidding and negotiation of contracts, contract formation, contract administration, risk assessment and dispute resolution. Our clients are engaged in the entire spectrum of the construction process: general contractors, sub-contractors, construction managers, owners, real estate developers, lending institutions, construction trade associations, materials and equipment suppliers and others.

Williams Mullen's Government Contracts attorneys provide clients with a full-range of legal services tailored to contracting with federal, state and local governments.

Our attorneys are experienced in all aspects of government contracting, from contract formation and negotiation through performance to litigation and dispute resolution. Our clients include Fortune 500 companies and small businesses, and cover a broad spectrum of industries: aerospace, defense, telecommunications, health care, information technology, construction and engineering, and commercial items. Our attorneys have experience with all federal agencies, including the Departments of Defense, Homeland Security and State, as well as procuring agencies in many state and local governments. Our attorneys also are well-versed in working with clients facing Federal investigations, qui tam and False Claims Act, and Suspension and debarment matters.

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