



## Chris A. McCandless

### Partner

Chris A. McCandless is a partner in the Business and Construction Litigation Department at Diepenbrock Elkin Dauer Stephens McCandless LLP. His practice involves the representation of prime contractors, subcontractors, municipalities, school districts, suppliers, and private property owners in virtually all areas of construction law, including contract disputes, construction claims, public bid protests, mechanic's liens, surety bonds, differing site conditions, construction defects, and related collection matters. Mr. McCandless' also litigates lien claims and real property title disputes, representing lenders, owners, and title companies in resolving the validity and priorities of deeds and other interests in real property. Mr. McCandless is the 2018-19 Vice-Chair for the Construction Law Council of the Sacramento Regional Builders Exchange. He is active with the AGC of California. He served as the 2016 Vice-Chair and the 2017 Chair of the Legal Advisory Committee for the AGC of California. Mr. McCandless is a speaker for various continuing education seminars including the Public Works and Contracts Fall 2018 Study Section for the County Counsels Association of California where he spoke on the Prompt Payment Statutes.

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Prior to joining the firm, Mr. McCandless worked in the legal department of the California Department of Water Resources where he assisted in cases involving water law, eminent domain, energy regulation, administrative procedure, employment law, and the California Environmental Quality Act. Mr. McCandless also worked in the construction and real estate industry prior to embarking on his legal career and was involved in the development of a national custom home sales and construction firm. In addition, Mr. McCandless maintained a California Real Estate Sales license, working with a real estate development and construction firm, assisting with residential real estate sales as well as in the construction of commercial developments.

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