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Partner

Eileen M. Diepenbrock is a partner at Diepenbrock Elkin Dauer Stephens McCandless LLP, focusing on construction law, government contracts and business litigation. She has a Martindale-Hubbell rating of AV Preeminent Lawyer, the highest rating awarded. In 2015, she was inducted into the American College of Construction Lawyers. In November 2008, she received the distinction of being listed in Forbes as one of The 10 Most Dependable™ Litigation Attorneys of California. Beginning in 2011, she has been recognized every year as among the Northern California SuperLawyers, and in 2015, she has been recognized as among the top 50 women in the Northern California SuperLawyers. She has been named among the “Best of the Bar” by the Sacramento Business Journal in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017 and 2018, and she has been recognized among the Women Leaders in Law in the Corporate Counsel Journal and American Lawyer in 2013. In 2017, the Associated General Contractors of California awarded her the Associate Achievement Award.

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Ms. Diepenbrock’s construction practice and government contracts practice involves contract negotiation and litigation of complex construction cases on behalf of her clients headquartered across the country. She regularly drafts and negotiates all manner of public and private construction documents, including using a variety of alternative procurement methods. She works with prevailing wage and skilled labor requirements and the other nuances of public works procurements. Ms. Diepenbrock’s practice also involves challenging and defending the award of public works contracts and representing public owners, contractors, subcontractors in construction delay and/or acceleration claims; claims involving differing site conditions, extra work, construction defects, and professional negligence involving architects and engineers; and mechanics’ lien, bond and stop payment notice claims. She assisted legislators as the industry expert on legislation of importance to the construction industry, including recently serving as such an expert in 2016 for new lease-leaseback legislation in California based on extensive experience over 14 years with such projects. She also recently provided a second opinion analysis of the legality of a form of procurement for a \$2 Billion public works construction project. In addition to the American College of Construction Lawyers, Ms. Diepenbrock is active in the American Bar Association Forum on the Construction Industry and the Associated General Contractors of California and is a frequent speaker and author on construction and public works topics.

In addition to her advocacy work, Ms. Diepenbrock also serves as a mediator, arbitrator and neutral evaluator in construction disputes, including cases involving claims of defective work, differing site conditions and delays on private and public works building and civil projects.