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William (“Bill”) Kaufman specializes in construction law and brings over a decade of civil litigation experience to the firm. Bill has represented numerous individuals and business entities alike as both plaintiffs and defendants in construction litigation cases throughout the Bay Area. Over the last several years, his practice has focused exclusively on aggressively litigating complex construction matters. Bill has a broad range of experience representing subcontractors, general contractors, owners, and suppliers in all aspects of construction litigation cases ranging from tens of thousands of dollars to multi-

million dollar public and private works. His experience includes mechanic’s liens, stop payment notices, payment bond actions, extra work claims, delay claims, Federal Miller Act claims, collections, and construction defect matters. He has extensive experience representing contractor clients in state and federal court throughout California, as well as ADR proceedings, including private mediations and arbitrations.

Mr. Kaufman’s services also include performing contract reviews for contractors and owners for both public and private works, as well as Home Improvement Contracts in accordance with California Business & Professions Code Section 7159 with an eye toward dispute avoidance and resolution.

Bill received his J.D. from Santa Clara University School of Law in 2005, and obtained extensive practical experience as a law clerk and research attorney with the Santa Clara County Superior Court during law school. Prior to law school, Bill attended the University of Arizona in Tucson where he majored in Philosophy, graduating with honors with a minor in Political Science. Following his undergraduate studies, he was a full-time member of the Professional



Rodeo Cowboys Association where he competed in rodeos throughout the Western United States as a calf roper and Turquoise Circuit Finals qualifier.

Mr. Kaufman is an active member of his community and proud member of the Rotary Club of Campbell, San Jose Elks Lodge No. 522, Association of Defense Counsel of Northern California, Santa Clara County Bar Association, WACA (Wall & Ceiling Alliance), CFMA-Silicon Valley, and has also served on the ASAC (American Subcontractors Association of California) Legislative Bill Vetting Committee for Contracts, Liens and Payments, Construction Defects and Retention related topics.

Bill and his wife Caitlin (an employment law attorney) and SMWB alum reside in Campbell with their two children and are active members of St. Christopher School and Parish in San Jose. Bill is also a member of the Campbell Chamber of Commerce, and is currently serving a four-year term as a City of Campbell Civic Improvement Commissioner, has taken a leadership role, and was nominated to serve as Chairman of the Commission in January 2021.

