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## **PRIMARY ADR PRACTICE AREAS:**

Construction

## **EDUCATION:**

Wake Forest University School of Law, J.D., magna cum laude, member of Wake Forest Law Review, 1981

Kent State University, B.A., magna cum laude, 1978

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:**

Pennsylvania, and Allegheny County Bar Associations, Construction Litigation Committee of the PBA, Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators for the American Arbitration Association and the Construction Law Section of the ACBA

Christopher R. Opalinski is the Chair of the Litigation Division of Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC and a Member of the Firm's Executive Committee and Board of Directors. He concentrates his practice in the areas of construction law and commercial litigation.

Mr. Opalinski represents owners, developers, design professionals, general contractors and subcontractors from both the public and private sectors on all types of construction claims, before various state and federal courts and arbitration panels. He has extensive experience in drafting construction contracts, advising on contract administration and project management matters, and handling cases involving all types of direct and indirect cost claims, including claims for delay, acceleration, loss of productivity, default, termination, extra work, defective specifications, design errors and omissions and differing site conditions.

He has authored or co-authored articles for Construction Specifier magazine; Tri State Real Estate Journal; Commercial Renovation magazine; Associated Builders and Constructors magazine; and Construction Litigation.

Mr. Opalinski has lectured at area colleges and before numerous trade and professional organizations, including presentations to Allegheny Community College, the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, the American Arbitration Association, the TriState Construction Users Council, the Project Management Institute, the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America, the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Engineers Society of Western Pennsylvania, the National Business Institute, the Construction Specifications Institute and the Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc.

Mr. Opalinski's hourly rate as an arbitrator for hearings and for study time is \$325 per hour.