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Cesar Pereira is a partner in the Business Trial Practice Group in the firm's New York office and a leader of the firm's *Chambers*-ranked Construction Team.

Areas of Practice

Cesar is a former General Counsel of a national construction company. In his position as General Counsel, he was responsible for the legal, compliance and risk management departments of the company.

His practice involves advising clients in all stages of a construction project. He has negotiated various forms of construction related agreements between and among owners, developers, contractors, construction managers, designers, sureties, operators, suppliers and subcontractors. This includes teaming, memorandum of understanding, joint venture, design and build, construction manager, interface, operation and maintenance, subcontract, rental, purchase, and professional service agreements, as well as, surety indemnity agreements and payment and performance bonds. He has worked with various forms of standard form agreements, including AIA, DBIA and ConsensusDocs.

Cesar has experience working with projects involving civil and heavy civil, commercial, residential and industrial construction, as well as design and build; design, bid and build; CM at risk; CM not at risk; and P3 methods of procurement. He regularly counsels clients during the execution phases of projects to help manage labor and compliance issues, resolve disputes, or reserve rights for a later dispute process.

Cesar regularly represented clients involved in disputes arising from defaults and terminations, extra work, differing site conditions, and delay claims in mediation, administrative proceedings, state and federal court, and arbitration.

He has extensive experience advising clients on insurance and risk management issues, especially for construction projects. He also frequently advises clients in connection with a variety of compliance issues, including M/W/DBE programs and internal investigations.

Honors

Best Lawyers in America, *Best Lawyers*, 2025-2026

Leading Lawyer in Construction, *Chambers USA*, 2023-2025

Recommended Lawyer, Legal 500, 2024

Articles

Energy Law Blog Posts

- "Dispute Resolution Considerations in Construction Contracts," October 30, 2024
- "Navigating Construction Contracts in the Energy Sector – Insights from Sheppard Mullin's Webinar Series," August 29, 2024

Speaking Engagements

- "Infrastructure Risk Management Roundtable," November 10, 2025
- "Bar Debate: 'Design Build...Dead or Alive?'" Institution of Civil Engineers NY and DBIA, October 15, 2025
- "Strategic Insurance Solutions for Managing Risk on Design Build and Alternative Project Delivery Projects," DBIA, October 7, 2025

Events

Composition of Arbitration Panels: Selecting Panelist and Becoming an Arbitrator
07.22.2025

Construction In-House Counsel Roundtable
04.30.2025

Construction Issues Impacting the Energy Industry - A Webinar Series
Zoom Webinar, 09.18.2024

The Design-Builders' Perspectives
New York, NY, 05.09.2024

Construction Project Cost Reporting Risks and How to Manage Them after Securities Exchange Commission v. Granite Construction, Inc.
Sheppard Mullin New York Office, 03.28.2023

Podcasts & Webinars

Sheppard Mullin Hosts: Insurance Solutions for Managing Risk on Design-Build and Alternative Delivery Projects
10.07.2025

Dispute Resolution Considerations in Construction Contracts
09.18.2024

Construction Contracts: Bond and Mechanic's Lien Primer for Energy Projects
07.24.2024

Construction Project Cost Reporting Risks and How to Manage Them after SEC v. Granite Construction, Inc.
03.28.2023

Practices

Construction

Energy, Infrastructure and Project Finance

Labor and Employment

Litigation

Industries

Construction

Education

Education

J.D., Boston College, 2005

B.A./M.P.A., New York University, 2001

Admissions

New York

United States District Court for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York