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**Practice Areas**

- Antitrust
- Construction
- Litigation
- Financial Services

Deborah E. Arbabi has practiced with Crowell & Moring LLP since August of 1993. Her practice involves general business litigation, including issues related to antitrust, public procurements, unfair business practices, creditor's rights, construction claims and defect work, product liability, and insurance coverage. Deborah also has significant experience in government contracts and business crimes.

Representing developers, contractors, and financial institutions, among others, Deborah has become experienced in all aspects of complex litigation, including trial, pretrial and appellate work. She has handled matters in federal and state courts, as well as in ADR procedures. Deborah is particularly experienced in multi-party litigation and class actions. Deborah also is experienced in loan workouts.

Deborah also performs work on a pro bono basis in matters involving homelessness assistance, domestic violence and other family law issues. Deborah serves as an Executive Member on the Board of Directors for the Public Law Center, Orange County's public interest law firm.

Deborah graduated from the University of Southern California Law School in 1993. While in law school, Deborah served as the Executive Notes Editor for the Interdisciplinary Law Journal. She also worked with the Law School's faculty in connection with representation performed for the Central District of California's Federal Indigent Defense Panel. Deborah earned her Bachelor of Arts in Literature from Miami University of Oxford, Ohio in 1990.

Deborah is a member of the Federal Bar Association, the American Bar Association Section, on Litigation and Antitrust and the California Bar Association Section on Litigation.

**Education**

- Miami University of Oxford, Ohio, B.A. Literature (1990)
- University of Southern California Law Center, J.D. (1993)

**Affiliations**

Admitted to practice: California

**Publications**

- "Rights and Responsibilities: A Property Owner's Liability to an Injured Construction Worker," *The Voice* (Winter 2006/2007). Author: Deborah E. Arbabi.
- The Construction Manager At Risk: By Contract And By Conduct, (November 2005). Co-Authors: Randall L. Erickson, Stuart J. Einbinder and Deborah E. Arbabi.
- Key Legal Issues in Construction Defect Claims, (Fall 2001). Author: Deborah E. Arbabi.

**Alerts & Newsletters**

- "Subcontractor's Substitution is Not Necessarily Invalid," *Construction Law Alert* (April 23, 2008). Contacts: Theresa C. Lopez, Deborah E. Arbabi.
- "Mediation of Construction (and other) Disputes: A Laundry List for Litigants and Advocates," *Construction Law Alert* (April 5, 2007). Contacts: Randall L. Erickson, Deborah E. Arbabi, Van-Dzung Vu Nguyen.
- "Nationwide CWA Permits Go Under the Knife," *Construction Law Alert* (September 12, 2006). Contacts: Randall L. Erickson, Deborah E. Arbabi.

**Speaking Engagements**

- "State and Local Incorporation of Federal Requirements," An Introduction to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: Implications for Construction Contractors, Crowell & Moring Webinar (May 26, 2009). Presenter: Deborah E. Arbabi.
- "Recent Legal Developments Affecting Project Delivery," CURT (November 2007). Speaker: Deborah E. Arbabi.
- Practicing Law Institute's Advanced Antitrust Seminar on Distribution and Marketing (January 2004). Moderator: Deborah E. Arbabi.