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From: Pete Fowler Construction Services, Inc.  
Project: Hybrid Construction Contract / Defect Claims Webinar 7/31/2025 (PFCS 24-0923)  
Regarding: Audience Handout Package

## Meet the Panel

Glenn Barger

### **MEDIATOR - ADR SERVICES, INC**

Glenn T. Barger, Esq. is one of California's most well-regarded litigation attorneys, including serving as lead counsel at multiple long cause, complex trials and has handled countless bodily injury, professional liability and construction matters which were ultimately settled throughout California. Mr. Barger was admitted to the State Bar of California, the United States District Court, and the California Supreme Court in 1991. He then began as an associate and ultimately became a Partner at Chapman Glucksman Dean Roeb & Barger, one of California's premier full-service law firms. He is now available full-time at ADR Services, Inc. throughout California.

Throughout his accomplished career, Mr. Barger has handled numerous high-value, multi-party litigation matters worth upwards of seven and eight figures, including mass tort matters and class actions. He has experience with both state and federal court matters, including bankruptcy issues, and related procedural issues. Mr. Barger has extensive experience with bodily injury matters, including products liability, automobile/premises, transportation, sexual abuse, TBI claims and wrongful death actions; business and commercial litigation; construction, including contract disputes, delay claims, defects and Special Master assignments; commercial and residential real estate, including failure to disclose claims, standard C.A.R. forms and leasing agreements; employment; environmental and mass torts; landlord/tenant and habitability issues; and professional liability, including legal and medical malpractice. He is also well-versed in governmental and public entity issues, including immunities and inverse condemnation, subrogation, insurance and indemnity issues, including risk transfer issues related to all of the legal matters he mediates.



## Barbara Laskaris-Lorigan

### **VICE PRESIDENT & HEAD OF CLAIMS - GOLDEN STATE CLAIMS ADJUSTERS**

Barbara Laskaris-Lorigan has held various risk and claims management positions in the construction and insurance industries and is currently the Vice President and Head of Claims for Golden State Claims Adjusters headquartered in Carlsbad, California. Ms. Laskaris-Lorigan was previously an Assistant Vice President for the Construction Defect Specialty Unit at Arch Insurance; a Construction Claims Manager and Large Loss Specialist at Gallagher Bassett Services; the Regional Manager of Claims, Contracts and Credit for SelectBuild, a subsidiary of Building Materials Holding Corporation; Southwestern Regional Team Manager for construction defect claims for Zurich North America; and the Construction Liability Claim Manager for the former Arrowhead Claims organization. Ms. Laskaris-Lorigan has over twenty-six years of experience in the construction defect industry, including investigations, complex claims handling, and management of losses throughout the United States, and has lectured before various legal and trade organizations. Ms. Laskaris-Lorigan is currently the President of the San Diego Chapter of CLM. In her spare time, she enjoys running and has captained a relay race team that has raised over \$110,000 for Taking Control of Your Diabetes, a charity that promotes education for those suffering from diabetes.

## Pete Patterson

### **EXPERT - PETE FOWLER CONSTRUCTION**

Pete Patterson has over 45 years of building experience as a carpenter, superintendent, construction manager, building designer, general contractor, custom homebuilder, and expert building consultant. Having worked in or managed all aspects of construction — from land selection, architectural design, and general contracting of highly-complex, super-custom residential and commercial projects, Pete is a respected expert in design and construction. Proficient in building codes, mechanical, electrical and plumbing trades, cost estimating and building inspection, Pete's experience runs the gamut from detailed design projects, hands-on building, to high-level consulting. Pete's career accomplishments include design, consulting, and general contracting of super-custom homes from California to Maine, and penthouses from Las Vegas to Honolulu - satisfying the most discerning clients on the most high-stakes projects.



## Megan Shapiro

### **PARTNER - RADOSLOVICH | SHAPIRO, PC**

With nearly 15 years of experience as a construction attorney and business owner, Megan knows how to deliver strategies that work in the real world. Megan has taught negotiation, persuasion, communication, and contract strategies at top industry conferences, including the Women in Construction conference. Megan's "Do It Like A Lawyer" approach combines legal expertise with practical business insights, making her the ideal choice to help executives master high-stakes conversations, contracts, and leadership decisions.

## Rob Ward

### **TECHNICAL LEAD - PETE FOWLER CONSTRUCTION**

Rob Ward is a licensed professional engineer and an impressive consultant with an extensive background as a general contractor who specialized in self-performed concrete work. Rob understands project timelines, costs, and what materials it would require to perform the job throughout all stages of construction, from creating shop drawings to the coordination and execution of those plans onsite. His knowledge of structural drawings and attention to detail during site investigations allow him to identify construction components that deviate from the original plan.

Rob's specialty experience in historic renovations make him a powerful resource in allocating responsibility for complex claims. He is unphased by even the most difficult rehabilitation claims that require familiarity with ADA code compliance thanks to his extensive experience renovating older buildings of all kinds. His extensive portfolio of work has made him particularly comfortable with contract claims. Mr. Ward loves performing schedule delay analysis, utilizing his experience organizing project documents, managing budgets, and scheduling the construction crew to expertly piece together the facts in construction projects that have failed to meet expectations. His extensive experience is complemented by his ability to curate relationships with the parties involved, facilitating a deeper understanding of the case or claim at hand. Clients can confidently rely on Rob to navigate complex building problems with integrity, delivering solutions tailored to the unique needs of each case or claim.

## **Presentation & Backup Materials**

1. Lesson Plan with links to referenced Backup Materials
2. Power Point Slides



# Hybrid Construction Contract / Defect Claims



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# Hybrid Construction Contract / Defect Claims

## INTRODUCTION

This presentation is a 'map of the terrain' for taming the beast of complexity that is hybrid (or combination) construction defect (CD) and construction contract claims. The program is for anyone who deals with these claims, including legal, insurance or construction professionals. These claims often span many years, include thousands of documents, and regularly involve dozens of parties. Making sense of this mess, and being able to explain it to everyone along the long road of litigation, is where mastery begins.

CD and contract claims analysis used to be entirely different areas of expertise. Lawyers and consultants who worked in one area rarely crossed paths with their closely related, but long lost cousins in the "other world" of construction claims. No longer. The two are now often fully entangled. Construction defects still need to be investigated, tested, analyzed issue-by-issue, extrapolated (or not!), repairs specified, and repair costs evaluated. Contract claims for changes and delays still require expensive document analysis to compare what happened to what should have; how much was paid compared to how much should have been; how long the work took compared to how long it should have; and to evaluate the economic losses, liquidated and actual damages, that parties suffered.

These claims come in sizes and forms as widely varying as single-family residences, multi-family projects, mixed-use developments, commercial, institutional, industrial, low-rise, mid-rise, and high-rise construction; they range from incomplete projects that are years late and barely started, to projects that are completed and in operation. Since much of the audience is familiar with CD claims, we will more deeply explore contract claims.

## PROGRAM OUTLINE

1. Introduction
2. Defining Combination CD + Contract Claims
3. Configuring and Managing the Team
4. Evaluating the Claims
5. Calculating Potential Damages
6. Allocating Responsibility
7. Conclusion



## PROGRAM CONTENTS

1. Introduction – 5 Minutes
  - A. Who We Are
  - B. Presenter Information
  - C. Program Introduction
  - D. Learning Objectives
  - E. Program Outline
2. Defining Combination CD + Contract Claims - 20 Minutes
  - A. Common Construction Defects
  - B. Common Construction Claims
  - C. Dramatically Increased Complexity
  - D. Case Study: Boutique Hotel with Defects & Delays
3. Configuring and Managing the Team - 5 Minutes
  - A. Attorneys
  - B. Experts
  - C. Role of the Claims Professional
4. Evaluating the Claims - 10 Minutes
  - A. Contract and Legal Analysis
  - B. Standard of Care
  - C. Coverage
5. Calculating Potential Damages - 10 Minutes
  - A. Cost to Repair
  - B. Contract Damages
  - C. Coverage
6. Allocating Responsibility - 5 Minutes
  - A. CD Claims
  - B. Contract Claims
7. Conclusion – 5 Minutes
  - A. Continuing Education
  - B. Backup Materials
  - C. Feedback

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Define exactly what hybrid, or combination, construction defect (CD) and construction contract claims are.
- Offer a "map of the terrain" so the complexity of hybrid construction defect and construction claims can be managed.
- Successfully configure and manage the right team, including attorneys, experts, and the role of claims professionals.
- Review examples of how our case studies were evaluated and how damages and monetizing both defect repair and contract claims are performed.
- Discuss how to allocate responsibility to the various parties and make cases against co-defendants.

## BACKUP MATERIALS

1. [The Tangled Web of Hybrid Construction Contract/Defect Claims](#) by Pete Fowler
2. [Allocation of Responsibility in Construction-Defect Litigation](#) by Pete Fowler (Unabridged)
3. [High-End Headaches: Why High-End Home Construction Litigation Is So Difficult To Resolve](#) by Pete Fowler
4. [Insurance Basics for Construction Professionals](#) by Pete Fowler
5. [Building Investigation Basics](#) by Pete Fowler
6. [Case Study: Boutique Hotel with Defects & Delays](#) by Pete Fowler



WEBINAR

THURSDAY, JULY 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 @ 10:00AM PT

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With Glenn Barger, Barbara Laskaris-Lorigan, Pete Patterson, Megan Shapiro, and Rob Ward





ABOUT US

# Building Experts.

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Helping Smart People  
Make Smart Decisions



Construction Defects



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Personal Injury Claims



Contract Claims

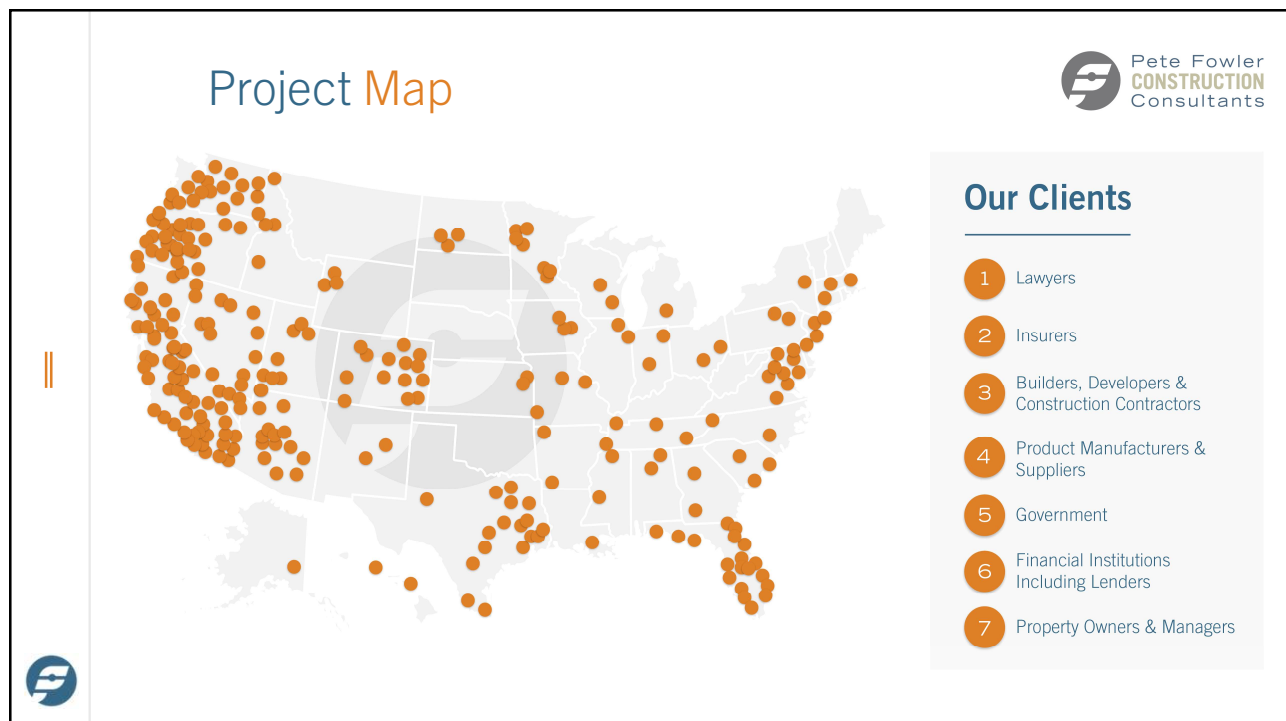



Estimating, Quality & Construction Management








Fire Claims







## Meet our Presenters




**Glenn Barger**  
Mediator  
ADR Services, Inc.

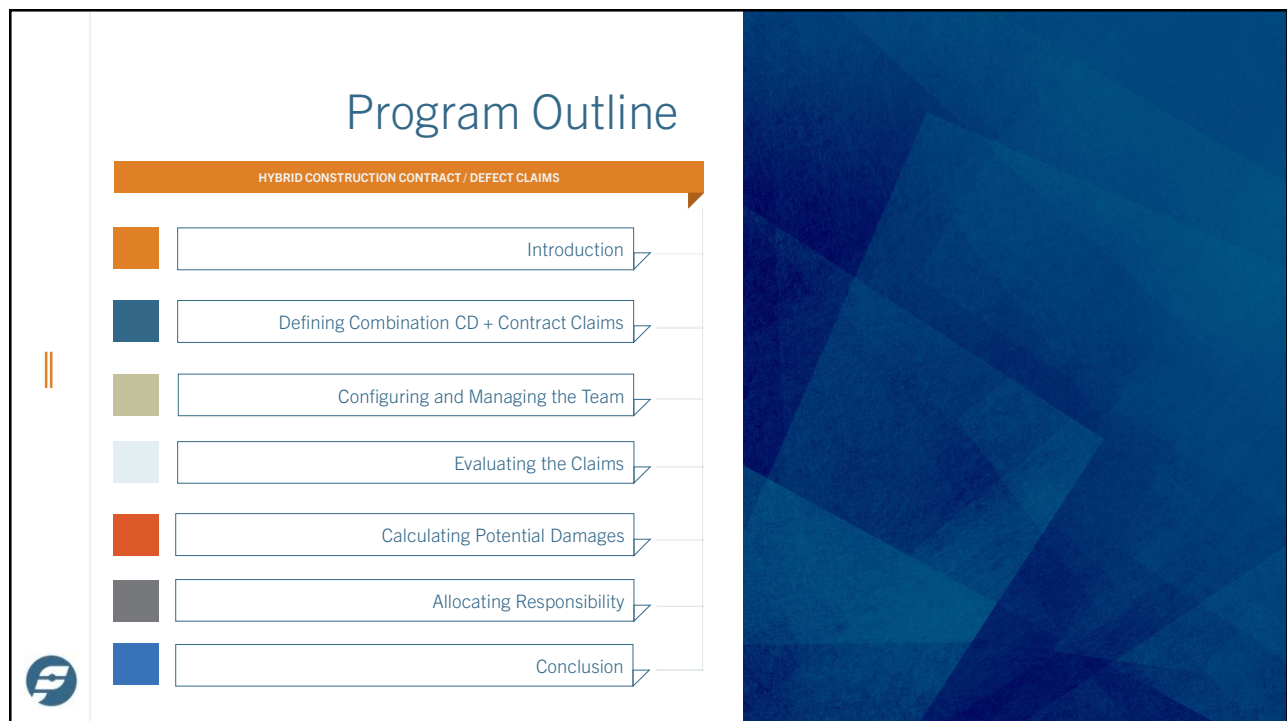
**Barbara Laskaris-Lorigan**  
Vice President,  
Head of Claims  
Golden State Claims Adjusters

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Partner  
Radoslavich I Shapiro, PC

**Rob Ward**  
Technical Lead  
Pete Fowler Construction





# Introduction



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# Defining Combination CD + Contract Claims

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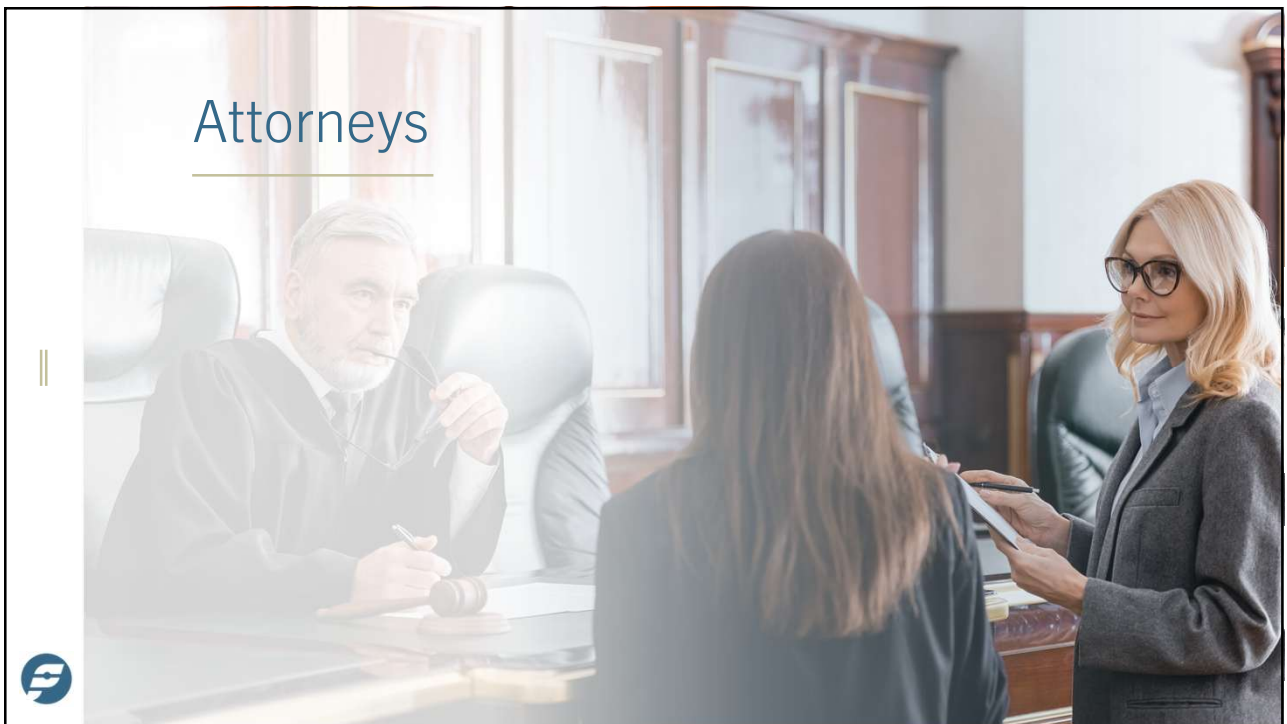
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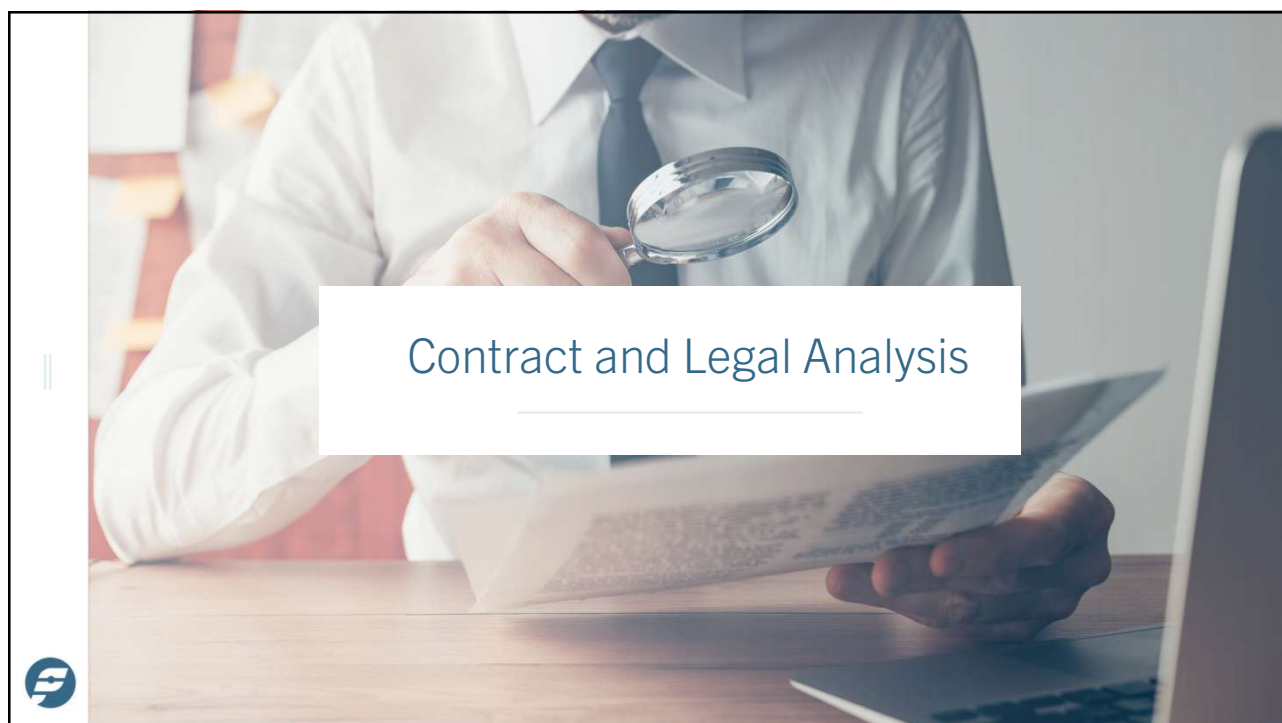
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## Calculating Potential Damages







## Coverage

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A webinar graphic with a background image of a person in a suit writing on a notepad. In the foreground, there is a small model of a house, a calculator, and a pencil holder with several pencils. The text is overlaid on the image.

WEBINAR

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 @ 10:00AM PT

# Habitability Claims

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With Elgin Hakala, Lillian Harwell, Cameron Kalunian, and Heidi Inman

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