

GARY D. QUESADA, J.D.
PRINCIPAL ATTORNEY



Mr. Quesada has been practicing law since 1993 and is admitted to all Michigan Courts, and the U.S. District Courts of Michigan. His practice has been concentrated in the design and construction industries, representing architects, engineers, contractors, private construction owners, and public entities. Mr. Quesada represents clients in business and construction law matters, contract, construction and property disputes, construction lien and bond claims, professional malpractice, copyright, insurance defense and government affairs. Other areas of practice include family law, estate planning, arts and entertainment.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts, Economics - 1980 University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, MI
Juris Doctor - 1993 Wayne State University Detroit, MI

EMPLOYMENT

2008 – Present *Principal Attorney*
Cavanaugh & Quesada, PLC, Royal Oak, Michigan

1998 – 2008 *Shareholder*
Thomas M. Keranen & Associates, P.C. - Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

1993 – 1997 *Solo Practitioner*
Gary D. Quesada, Attorney at Law - Royal Oak, Michigan

1980 – 1998 *Photographer of Architecture*
Balthazar Korab Ltd / Hedrich-Blessing Photography - Troy, Michigan

HONORS

1997 *Honorary Member* - American Institute of Architects, Mich. Chapter

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PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Litigation / Arbitration

Extensive experience prosecuting and defending large complex construction cases, contract, copyright and personal injury disputes, through both litigation and arbitration. Clients include architects, engineers, developers, large and small general contractors, subcontractors, homebuilders, municipalities, public universities, libraries, Indian Tribes, and professional associations.

Insurance Defense

Represented numerous clients pursuant to an insurer's obligation to defend, including claims exceeding \$7,000,000, with results satisfactory to the carrier. Carriers served include Amerisure, Architects & Engineers Insurance Company, Besso/UK, Cincinnati, CNA, DPIC, Everest, Kemper, Specialty Claims Management and XL Professional.

Legislative Initiatives

9 years serving as Government Affairs attorney to professional association AIA Michigan: Represented client in connection with various construction-industry legislation; Responsible for developing recommendations on legislative initiatives and strategy; Responsible for organizing grass-roots support and opposition; Testified before Michigan Legislature on behalf of design professionals in House Commerce and Regulatory Reform Committees, Senate Judiciary and Economic Development/Regulatory Reform Committees; Serves as AIA Michigan Government Affairs liaison with allied organizations ACEC, MSPE, ASCE, AGC, and MITA.

Amicus Curiae

Represented Associated General Contractors of Michigan, American Institute of Architects, Michigan, and American Council of Engineering Companies Michigan in Michigan Supreme Court as *Amicus Curiae*.

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ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

2006 – Present

Member - American Arbitration Association Construction Panel of Neutrals

PUBLISHED CASES

Ostroth v. Warren Regency, GP, LLC
474 Michigan 36; 709 N.W.2d 589 (2006)

Ghaffari v. Turner Construction Co.
473 Mich. 16; 699 N.W.2d 687 (2005)

Images Audio Visual Productions Inc. v. Perini Building Co.
91 F.Supp 2d 1075 (2000)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

1993 – Present *Member* - State Bar of Michigan

1998 – Present *Co-Chair* - Government Affairs Committee, AIAMI

2001 – Present *Chair* - Professional Practice Task Force, AIAMI

2005 – Present *Member* - Risk Management Committee, ACECMI

OTHER LICENSES

Residential Homebuilder - State of Michigan

PUBLICATIONS & SEMINARS

Mr. Quesada is a frequent contributor to industry publications, with articles appearing in Michigan Construction News/Law & Labor Section, Building Industry Association Magazine, American Council of Engineering Companies *'Trusted Advisor'*, and Michigan Construction Law Update. Mr. Quesada has presented industry risk-management seminars for Lormar, Full Moon, the American Council of Engineering Companies, Associated General Contractors of Michigan, the Michigan Association of Physical Plant Administrators, AIA Michigan, the American Society of Professional Estimators, and has provided many in-house continuing-education events for architectural/engineering firms.