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Mr. Cavanaugh was born in Detroit, Michigan in 1964. He is admitted to practice law in all Michigan courts, the U.S. District Court, Eastern District and Western District of Michigan, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and the U.S. Court of Federal Claims in Washington, D.C. His practice is concentrated on business and construction law matters, including litigation, arbitration, and mediation of contract disputes, construction lien and surety bond claims, and disputes involving contractors, subcontractors, and design professionals.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts, University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1986

Juris Doctor, University of Detroit-Mercy School of Law
Detroit, Michigan, 1995

MEMBER

AGC of Michigan (Legal, Education, and Legislative Affairs Committees)

American Arbitration Association (AAA), National Roster of Neutrals
(Commercial / Construction Panel)

Construction Association of Michigan (CAM)

Michigan Bar Association (Business Law Section)

EMPLOYMENT

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

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Shareholder, Thomas M. Keranen & Associates, P.C.
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan – 2006 to 2008

Associate Attorney, Thomas M. Keranen & Associates, P.C.
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan – 1995-2005

HONORS

American Jurisprudence Award (Legal Research and Writing) – 1993

ARBITRATOR / MEDIATOR TRAINING

Arbitrator I: Fundamentals of the Arbitration Process (American Arbitration Association – March, 2006)

State Court Administrative Office (SCAO), 40 Hour General Civil Mediation Training, (Institute for Continuing Legal Education – November, 2005)

PUBLICATIONS

Author, Michigan Construction Law, a forum for sharing recent developments in Michigan construction law. (www.michiganconstructionlaw.blogspot.com)

Author, DWSD Update, an online digest of construction and legal developments involving the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. (www.dwsdupdate.blogspot.com)

Co-Author, Michigan Chapter, Lienlaw Online (www.lienlawonline.com) (2001-07), a comprehensive on-line resource covering lien laws in all 50 states.

Co-Author, “Bids, Bidders and Bid Protests,” A Contractor’s Guide to Michigan Construction Law, (AGC of Michigan, Rev’d 2009)

Author, “Contract Changes and Differing Site Conditions,” A Contractor’s Guide to Michigan Construction Law, (AGC of Michigan, Rev’d 2009)

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PUBLISHED DECISIONS / AMICUS CURIAE

Morris Pumps v Centerline Piping, Inc., et al., 273 Mich App 187; 729 NW2d 898 (2006), *lv app denied*, 480 Mich 928; 740 NW2d 299 (2007) (represented successful equipment supplier)

Ostroth v Warren Regency, GP, LLC, 474 Mich 36; 709 NW2d 589 (2006) (Amicus Curiae for AGC of Michigan, and AGC of Detroit)

Marine Tech, L.L.C., SIZ-4635 (2004) (represented successful protester in federal HUBZone bid protest)

SEMINARS

Professional Development Day, “Managing the Construction Project: A Legal Perspective” (AGC of Michigan, – January 24, 2008)

Unraveling the Research Potential of the Web, “PACER: An Expanded Overview,” (MACPA, Litigation and Business Valuation Conference – June 12, 2007)

Construction Law Seminar, “Managing the Construction Project: A Legal Perspective” (AGC, Greater Detroit Chapter – May 2, 2006)

Construction Contract Primer, “Effective Contract Administration” (AGC, Greater Detroit Chapter – April 27, 2005)

Overview of Michigan Construction Lien Law (U. P. Builder’s Association – October 26, 2004)

The Fundamentals of Construction Contracts in Michigan, “Essential Construction Contract Terms” (Lorman Education Services – 2003, 2004)

Construction Contract Primer, “Effective Contract Administration” (AGC, Greater Detroit Chapter – September 22, 2004) [REV 12/09]