



# Areas of Expertise

## Construction

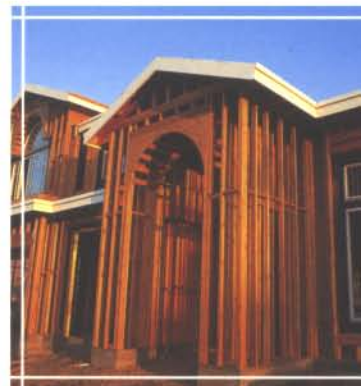
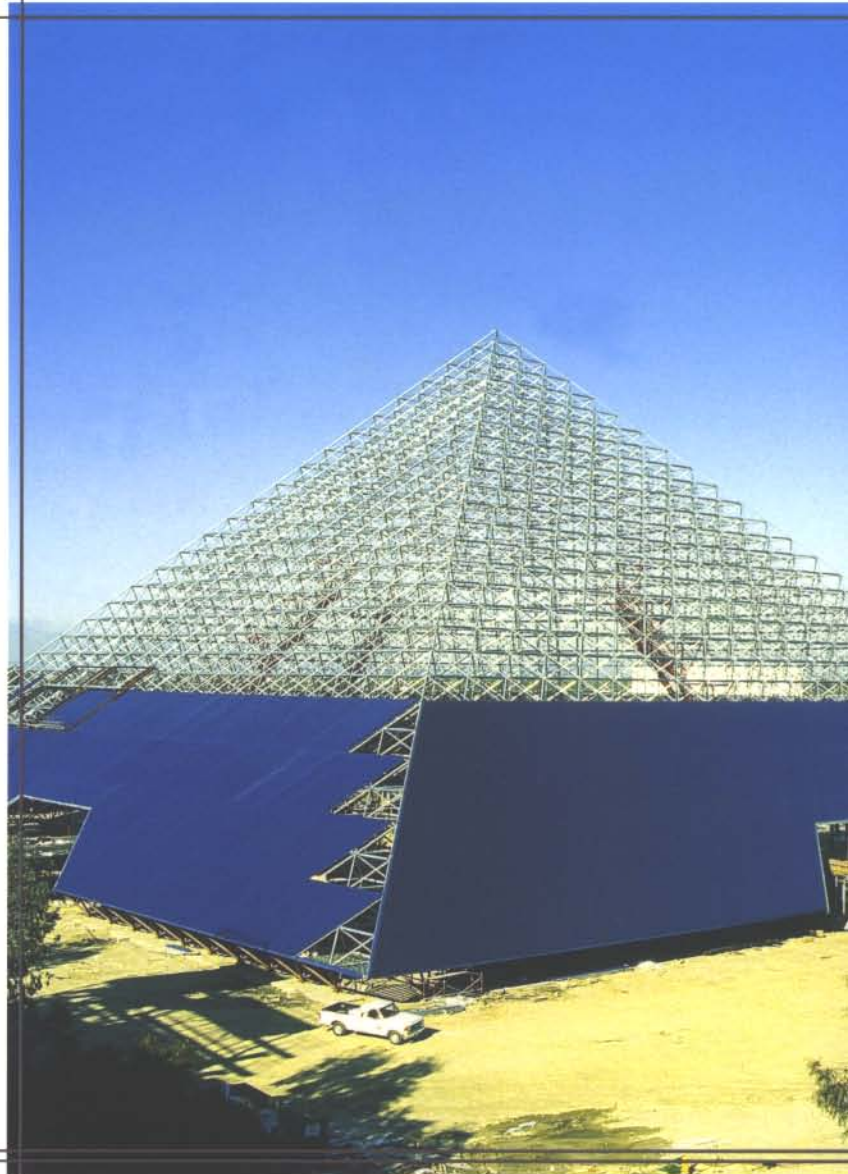
Hunt, Ortmann, Blasco, Palffy & Rossell is recognized throughout the state as having expertise in all aspects of construction law. We represent owners, developers, architects, engineers, general contractors, subcontractors, material suppliers, sureties and title companies on virtually every kind of construction project. We have extensive experience with public works projects. Hunt, Ortmann provides assistance for our clients on all phases of construction projects—including contract drafting, project documentation and negotiation during construction, dispute resolution negotiations, private or court-supervised settlement conferences, mediation, private arbitration and court and jury trials.

## Business & Development

We have extensive experience representing companies and owners in business disputes, including owners, landlords, entrepreneurs and developers. We have represented our clients in litigation from breach of contract actions and lease disputes, to trademark and patent litigation. In the area of real estate development, we provide a full range of services—from stock and asset acquisitions and entity formations to financing security arrangements—from subdivision and project approvals to construction and commercial lease, sales, foreclosures and workouts.

## Environmental

When it comes to environmental issues associated with the purchase, development and sale of realty, we provide services relating to site assessments, subsurface site characterizations and remediation.





We also represent clients in regulatory matters. We also litigate issues of liability, damages and insurance coverage relating to contaminated properties in both state and federal courts. We have also assisted clients in all aspects of the contracting process.



## Geotechnical

We also fully serve the geotechnical and environmental engineering communities. Our services, which are naturally complemented by our knowledge of all aspects of the construction industry, include subsidence, landslide, hydrology and construction defect matters. In these areas, we advise our clients on contractual and other transactional issues, with an aim to preventing disputes where possible.

## Insurance

The focus of our expertise in the area of insurance is the rights of the insureds and third parties. We typically negotiate or litigate to secure coverage for our clients. While most of our focus relates to coverage in the context of construction disputes, insurance issues arise in numerous other ways. We represent clients with insurance claims on large environmental disputes, as well as claims relating to title insurance and real estate.

## Transactional

Our firm is also experienced in corporate and partnership law. We have extensive experience in the formation, organization, purchase and sale of businesses. In addition, we assist our clients in estate planning, including the preparation of living trusts.

## Government & Public Contracts

Hunt, Ortmann can assist your company with all aspects of its contracts with the Federal government, California state agencies, counties and cities. We can assist through the bid process, including bid protests, contract administration, change order claims and contract disputes. We have represented clients with regard to the Corps of Engineers, the Navy, Caltrans, the County of Los Angeles and many school districts, among others. The firm has also represented many clients with regard to prevailing wage claims.

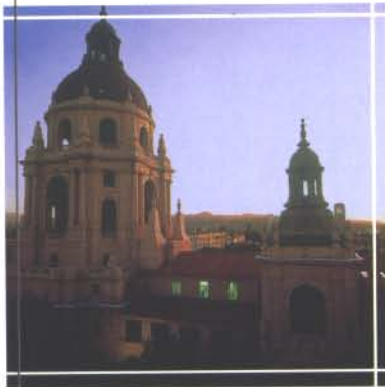
## Training

Our firm provides in-house training in all of its specialty areas. Contact Hunt, Ortmann for further information.

# Commitment to the Community

## Our Involvements

At Hunt, Ortmann, Blasco, Palffy & Rossell, we strongly believe in supporting our community. In this effort, we support a variety of civic organizations benefiting Pasadena and greater Los Angeles. For example, some of our lawyers have been members of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association for over a decade, serving on numerous committees planning and carrying out the annual Rose Parade and Rose Bowl. One of our attorneys serves as a commissioner on Pasadena's Recreation and Parks Commission and is a member of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce. Another is involved in Christmas in April, an organization of volunteers who renovate local homes for the poor, elderly and disabled. We have also established nonprofit, tax-exempt foundations for local elementary schools to provide revenue-generating vehicles for equipment, teaching assistants and other needs.



# Hunt Ortmann Blasco Palffy & Rossell



## Our History

Although our law firm was started on March 1, 1990, our expertise in the area of construction goes back to the very roots of construction law in California in the early 1900s. Our senior founding partner, Gordon Hunt, began his career in 1960 under the tutelage of Glenn Behymer, the preeminent construction lawyer in California whose practice dated back to 1908. Over the past 40 years Mr. Hunt has authored extensive works on construction law and lectured at length for many groups in the construction industry. The book, California Construction Law, of which he is co-author, is widely read and considered the authoritative guide for construction firms doing business in California. The firm is one of the foremost authorities on construction law and litigation in the state. It also offers services in many other areas of law related to real estate and business. Some of these areas of service include land development, environmental, geotechnical, corporate and partnership law.





## Our Purpose

Simply put, our firm is dedicated to providing the best possible legal services at a reasonable cost. We can do this because our experience and knowledge allow us to handle many problems with special skill and without the need to spend extensive time on basic research. Our clients get the benefit of our unparalleled collective experience and expertise. To reduce costs, we use state-of-the-art computer technology for the evidence management and for legal and document research. We also provide creative approaches to solving legal disputes besides litigation, such as alternative dispute resolution, mediation and expedited arbitration. We consider nontraditional fee arrangements in appropriate instances. In addition to our expertise and cost saving measures, an important part of our firm philosophy is that we endeavor to always conduct ourselves in an honest, professional and trustworthy manner, while aggressively advancing our clients' rights.



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- Construction, litigation, arbitration, and mediation
  - Mechanics liens, stop notices and bond claims
  - Construction claims, preparation and defense
  - Contract negotiation
  - Project documentation
  - Land acquisition and sale
  - Development, financing
  - Subdivision and zoning
  - Project approval
  - Acquisition, sale and merger of businesses
  - Title, boundary and easement disputes
  - Municipal law
  - Commercial leases
  - Foreclosures and workouts
  - Site assessment
  - Remediation
  - Regulatory compliance
  - Landslide and subsidence
  - Hydrology
  - Insurance coverage (construction, environmental and title claims)
  - Business litigation
  - Business disputes
  - Sales and secured transactions
  - Estate planning