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## Thomas C. Collier, Jr.

**Current:** Consultant in Construction, General Contracting, Personal Injury and Liability, and Real Estate Areas, including Claims, Damages, Safety, and Insurance; Consultant for Construction, Design, Project Development and Remediation. Arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association and Registered Mediator in Georgia. Principal and Founder, Buckhead Classic (General Contracting).

**Work History:** Principal and Founder, Buckhead Classic 2007-present; Consultant and Arbitrator 2008- Present; Principal in a wide variety of general contracting and development projects (commercial, infrastructure, and residential) 1983-Present.

**Experience:** Expert Claims and Damages Consultant in Commercial Construction, General Contracting, Third-Party, Personal Injury, Insurance, and General Commercial Areas, including Overall Claim Analysis, Delay and Defect Claims, Safety and Injury, Surety, Contracts, Costs, and Transaction Analysis, as well as assistance as required with negotiation, mediation, deposition, discovery, litigation, preparation, and trial presentation - both arbitration and courtroom litigation – qualified in all cases thus far (including Daubert Hearings), with no disqualifications.

Consultant for loss mitigation, defects, damages, delays and insurance, including investigation, design, repair, and corrective action.

Arbitrator for AAA and independent cases, including commercial construction cases involving defects, delays, prime and subcontracts, payments, performance, architectural and engineering issues, bonds, liens, abandonment, insurance, title, residential and property loss. Cases arbitrated have had claims from ten thousand to four million dollars.

Principal in dozens of real estate development, commercial and residential construction, and land development projects for over thirty-five years, with primary responsibility for overall conception, cost, production, scheduling, engineering, architectural services, subcontractor and employee relations, sales, leasing, finance, accounting, and contracts. General contractor on a wide variety of recent and current construction projects – including office, historic renovation, building redesign, new home construction, disaster reconstruction, structural failure, water intrusion, and mold remediation projects.

**Professional Associations:** American Arbitration Association Board of Neutrals  
Arbitrator for Construction Dispute Resolution Services (Santa Fe, NM)  
Registered Mediator with the State of Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution  
Licensed Contractor, State of Georgia  
Homebuilders and Developers Association of Georgia – Former Director, State Board of Directors

**Education:** University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (BA, Economics and English) - 1983. Summa Cum Laude, Johnston Scholar, Phi Beta Kappa, Order of the Old Well.

Thesis awarded Highest Honors at UNC on disintermediation and “The Supply of Loanable Funds and Construction Cycles”- 1983.

The Westminster Schools – 1979. Cum Laude, National Honor Society, Special Award for Service.

**Activities:** Coaching, exercise, skiing, history, travel, school activities, church activities, and charity.

### **Sample Recent Consulting and Arbitration Projects:**

- ❖ Expert in court case with major regional gas natural gas lines cutting sewer lines to income-generating property which had to be vacated. As consultant, successfully engineered reconnection of the lines after a municipality-natural gas supplier stalemate.
- ❖ Testifying expert regarding major construction accident claim in Florida. Solved primary issues and case settled for seven figures the morning after Mr. Collier’s deposition.
- ❖ Arbitrator construction defect case (2018) where claimant and respondent jointly asked Mr. Collier to switch from arbitrator to mediator during the hearings. Successfully settled case.
- ❖ Expert witness in seven-figure motel re-painting case involving major personal injury claim by motel client (pending).
- ❖ Arbitrator for a two-million-dollar wrongful contractor termination case regarding student housing at Florida State University.
- ❖ Consultant for multi-million dollar surety claim involving five major projects in Texas, Florida, Louisiana, and Tennessee. Projects included a major performing arts center, a fifteen-story courthouse, a university housing complex, and a major university bookstore. Successfully helped mitigate ten-million-plus dollar loss.
- ❖ Lead claims expert for a Georgia government in a four-party, multi-million-dollar commercial construction delay and architectural defect claim – covering a variety of multi-use facilities and infrastructure. Case settled on favorable terms.
- ❖ Successfully arbitrated a four-million-dollar school construction defect case initially involving over fifteen named parties and hundreds of claims over a month of hearings.
- ❖ Lead consulting, investigating, and testifying expert in multi-million dollar fiduciary duty claim involving estate trustee and public accountant, covering a variety of real estate and construction issues including markets, decision-making, execution, controls, and outcomes. Case settled on favorable terms after initial hearings.
- ❖ Consultant and analyst for major insurance carrier- retained to assess a two and a half million dollar property and casualty claim in a high-profile, complex, and business-sensitive case.
- ❖ Lead claims consultant in construction defect and contractor abandonment trial with damages over one million dollars, including re-creation of construction and cost documents, assessment of defect damages, methodology, and valuation.
- ❖ Arbitrated case remanded by Gwinnett County, Georgia Superior Court . regarding the Georgia Right to Repair Act.
- ❖ Testifying expert in building abandonment case in City of Atlanta with successful Bench Award.
- ❖ Cases include Georgia, Florida, Tennessee and Alabama as well as Consulting in Louisiana and Texas.