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Dear Ms. Erickson and Ms. Morehead:

I am currently on a CPR panel for arbitrators for the State of Pennsylvania and for environmental affairs, I believe my greatest asset from an experience and educational perspective will be dealing with construction related arbitrations. While I provided a limited background about a year ago for my inclusion on the roster of arbitrators for construction matters, it appears I have not been added to this list.

I have now included a complete listing of accomplishments within the construction industry and within the field of arbitration for review because I believe I have been a valuable asset in construction disputes in other forums and will be so within the CPR forum if given an opportunity.

To warrant my addition to the roster of construction attorneys: please consider the following:

My work experience in the construction industry [both legal and management]

- a. Legal – litigated construction cases for a now defunct boutique law firm Cohen & Green 18 months before county and federal courts in southeastern PA – both drafted motions and complaints and responses and wrote briefs matters from \$ 10,000. to \$ 3,000,000.00
- b. Litigated and arbitrated as the sole attorney 6 cases in Pennsylvania for FW Zack, a commercial mechanical contractor in PA state courts concerning contractual disputes with subcontractors and general contractors/owners.

- c. Lead counsel - represented FW Zack in a protracted mediation an action for FW Zack in Kentucky for 7 months in a dispute ultimately arbitrated and prevailed for over \$ 3,000,000.00 – FW Zack v. Vogt-NEM Contractors.
- d. Co-counsel in the arbitration for this same matter, FW Zack v. Vogt-NEM Contractors, that I represented FW Zack in the mediation
- e. Represented FW Contractors, a general contractor in two mediations in the state of South Carolina involving each over six specialty contractors involving a fine chemical/pharmaceutical plant for Roche.
- f. Represented as second chair in a federal court suit representing an glazing contractor in a suit valued at \$ 14 million with a decision for \$ 4 million which was mock-tired, early case evaluated and tried in a bench trial for over 16 months, LBL Skysystems v. APG-America . 514 F.Supp.2d 704 (2007)
- g. Second chaired a general contractor, Foster Wheeler Energy in Houston Texas in a defense demanding \$ 30 million in compensatory and punitive damages which was successfully tried before a jury, Century Contractors v. Foster Wheeler Energy Corp.
- h. Have been appointed by a Court of Common pleas, Bucks County, PA as a sole arbitrator in a week long arbitration concerning a residential GC and a home owner.
- i. Have served in about three PA county cases as a member of a 3 person arbitration panel concerning general contractors and home owners.
- j. I have served as a mediator in over 25 disputes involving general contractors, owners and specialty contractors and lending banks for the New Jersey state trial level court system.

Ancillary legal assignments to warrant my placement on the list of construction arbitrators

- k. 10 years as the PA Bar Association chief editor and occasional article writer for the Mediation/Arbitration Newsletter
- l. Served for over 6 years as the Vice Chairman of the Mediation/Arbitration Committee for the PA Bar Assoc.
- m. Founding member and past board member of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Association for Conflict Resolution
- n. Past fellow in the International Chartered Society of Arbitration centered in London

Business and operational achievements in construction

- o. Owner of a company manufacturing commercial-grade windows
- p. President of a company engineering, manufacturing and installing commercial-grade windows and curtainwall in skyscrapers in the eastern United States
- q. Served as a commercial director to the construction division, Foster Wheeler Constructors, Inc., of a Fortune 500 company, Foster Wheeler, Inc., a company providing engineering and construction services to the petrochemical, pharmaceutical and electric utility companies throughout the US, Europe and Far East
- r. Served as a project manager for a chemical company, and an electric utility company
- s. Qualified as a chief engineer through the NRC and US Navy for nuclear-powered naval vessels, and served for over 20 months in shipyards constructing and repairing Naval vessels.

Educational achievements within the area of construction

- t. BS in Chemical Engineering, Tufts University
- u. MS in Civil engineering, Univ. of Michigan
- v. Earned a professional engineer license in civil engineering from the State of Tennessee

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