



## **2019 marks the 15th Anniversary of Weil & Drage!**

Weil & Drage has grown steadily and consistently since its inception in 2004, earning its reputation as one of the leading construction law firms in the Southwest, and one of the very few women-owned law firms in the nation.

### **Brief History of the Firm**

Jean Weil and Christine Drage founded the firm in 2004, bringing with them a significant following of clients, carriers, and loyal legal professionals and staff, many of whom remain with the firm today. Weil & Drage opened its California and Nevada offices simultaneously on April 1, 2004, with eight lawyers and 21 total employees. Jacqueline Pons-Bunney became a shareholder and the Managing Partner soon thereafter, and the third office of Weil & Drage was opened in Arizona in 2008.

Over the past 15 years, Weil & Drage maintained consistent growth in employees and revenue. Weil & Drage now has 24 lawyers, 12 paralegals, and over 54 employees in three office locations servicing clients and carriers in matters throughout the U.S.

Weil & Drage has kept its core focus on construction law, handling thousands of matters, including extensive complex litigation and contract negotiations for some of the country's largest projects and claims. In addition to the matters currently listed on the firm website, the past two years have included representation of the world's largest Architects and Engineers ("A/E") in claims based on and arising out of the Millennium Tower in San Francisco, the Washington State Department of Transportation Tunnel project and Tunnel Boring Machine claims, the Crescent Dunes Solar Energy Project in Nevada, and many more.

### **Partner Highlights**

In addition to Jean Weil, Christine Drage, and Jacqueline Pons-Bunney, the Firm's partners include the following exceptional lawyers:

Mr. John Wendland  
Ms. Jenifer Brannen  
Ms. Jihan Murad  
Ms. Sheila McDonald  
Mr. Geoffrey Crisp

Mr. Peter Stacy  
Mr. Brian Roteliuk  
Mr. Jeremy Kilber  
Mr. Mark Petersen



**Mr. Wendland**, a 19-year lawyer licensed in Nevada and Arizona, was one of the original partners of the Firm in 2004, and leads the Nevada office in a wide range of construction and real estate transactions and litigation, including but not limited to, defense of A/Es in wrongful death and personal injury construction claims, real estate licensee and broker claims, as well as numerous matters before the Nevada State Boards for architects and engineers.



**Mr. Stacy**, a 23-year lawyer, joined the Firm in 2005, and practices in the areas of general business transactions, professional liability and commercial litigation, complex contracts, business formation and planning, ownership transitions, employment, and intellectual property protection. Mr. Stacy currently serves as outside general counsel to a number of A/E firms and companies. His broad range of both litigation and transactional experience gives him a particular advantage in counseling business clients from start to finish.



**Ms. Brannen**, a 16-year lawyer, joined the Firm in 2007, bringing extensive trial preparation experience after having worked closely for a number of years with one of the most well respected trial lawyers in the state of California. Recently, Ms. Brannen lead our legal team through the successful defense of a global A/E firm in the resolution of the \$800M+ delay and damage claims involved in the Washington State Department of Transportation tunnel project and TBM machine stoppage, informally known as the “Big Bertha” claims. Ms. Brannen also represents a number of large, medium, and small A/E firms in all manner and types of risk management and litigation.



**Mr. Roteliuk**, an 11-year lawyer, joined the Firm in 2007 and quickly became licensed in multiple jurisdictions, successfully defending and prosecuting numerous cases, including trying cases via binding arbitration and jury trial through award and verdict in California, Arizona, and Utah. Mr. Roteliuk also has considerable experience in federal court litigation and appellate proceedings, including briefing and oral argument before the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in multiple cases. His legal experience includes prosecution and defense of all issues involved in complex transportation projects in Northern and Southern California, high-rise condominiums, five-star hospitality projects, mass-produced residential subdivisions, wastewater treatment plants, mass grading projects, churches, schools, libraries, wineries, highways, railyards, canals, and other private and public works projects.



**Mr. Kilber**, an 11-year lawyer, came to the Firm in 2008 and is another partner in our Nevada office, handling defect, delay, personal injury, and wrongful death claims on large public and private works projects including hotel and casino projects, mass-produced and complex mixed-use high-rise residential projects (including defense of a global A/E firm involved in the City Center mass litigation), tunneling projects, as well as transportation projects in Nevada.



**Ms. Murad**, a 15-year lawyer, licensed in California, Illinois, and Arizona, joined the Firm in 2009. Ms. Murad has extensive experience leading legal teams in defense of clients in construction claims involving large complex mixed-use residential, military, and power plant projects, to name a few, as well as projects involving various manner and types of insurance programs covering the claims, including but not limited to, project specific professional liability policies. Ms. Murad currently leads the legal team involved in the defense of a global engineering firm in the high profile Millennium Tower litigation in San Francisco, California, which includes the multibillion dollar Transbay Transportation Center and Salesforce Tower projects involved in the Millennium Tower litigation.



**Ms. McDonald**, a 14-year lawyer, came to the Firm in 2010. She has extensive experience in insurance litigation and has also worked in Risk Management for one of California's largest residential developers. Now representing A/E clients in defense of all manner and types of projects, she has additionally litigated extensively on various energy projects, including representing one of the world's largest A/E firms in defense of claims arising out of wastewater treatment facilities throughout California.



**Mr. Petersen**, a 36-year lawyer, came to the Firm in 2013 with extensive construction litigation and trial experience on all manner and types of private and public works projects. Mr. Petersen currently leads the legal team involved in representing the prime on a professional liability project policy in defense of hundreds of millions of dollars in claims on a complex transportation project in Los Angeles, California.



**Mr. Crisp**, a 35-year lawyer, came to the Firm in 2017 also with extensive construction litigation and trial experience in California and Nevada, on all manner and types of private and public works projects. He currently leads the legal team in defense of complex delay and defect claims against a global A/E firm involved in the Crescent Dunes Solar Power Plant Project currently being arbitrated and litigated in separate tracks in Nevada.

(For the full list of lawyers, visit the website for Weil & Drage at [www.weildrage.com](http://www.weildrage.com).)

Thank you to all of you who have joined us on our journey and contributed to our success. We are honored by the opportunity to serve such a vibrant and industrious community.