



# 2026 CALIFORNIA CONSTRUCTION LAW UPDATE: NAVIGATING NEW RETENTION CAPS, CLAIMS MANDATES, AND EVOLVING DEFECT LIABILITY

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Program: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

This 60-minute presentation provides a critical analysis of new California construction laws in effect for 2026, including the implementation of the 5% retention cap on private works (SB 61) and new mandatory claims resolution processes (SB 440). The session will also cover significant 2024–2025 appellate decisions impacting construction litigation, focusing on contractor, design professional and owner/developer liability as well as the evolving scope of the Privette doctrine. Attendees will learn how these legislative and judicial shifts change risk allocation and project management for California practitioners.

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