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# 11th Annual Construction Industry Summit

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## **Moderator**

J. Wilson Nash, Esq  
Brasfield & Gorrie (Birmingham)

### **8:30 a.m. Federal Construction Regulatory and Litigation Update**

Leah Pilconis, Esq  
Associated General Contractors of America (Arlington, VA)

### **9:15 a.m. Construction Schedule Analysis and Scheduling Fraud**

Jon David Pearson  
Pearson Management Group (Auburn)

### **10:00 a.m. BREAK**

### **10:15 a.m. Employment Law Hot Topics: Dealing with Construction Industry Employee Issues**

Douglas B. Kauffman, Esq  
Balch & Bingham (Birmingham)

### **11:00 a.m. Termination of Construction Contracts for Default: Legal Issues, Options, and Pitfalls**

James F. Archibald III, Esq  
Carlyn E. Miller, Esq  
Alexander G. Thrasher, Esq  
Bradley Arant Boult Cummings (Birmingham)

### **11:45 a.m. LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**

### **1:00 p.m. Artificial Intelligence Hot Topics: Using Construction AI Tools in Forensic Analyses and Litigation Discovery**

Caleb M. Sturm, PSP, CCP, CCA  
Robert Gareissen, Dipl.-Ing. (FH), PSP  
Berkeley Research Group (Atlanta and Pensacola)

**1:45 p.m. Construction Claim Avoidance and Advantages of Early Preparation for Claim Defense**

Jordan Watkins

Matt Reed

Reed-Hays Design Build (Daphne)

Michele Kane, Esq

Hargrove Engineers + Constructors (Mobile)

Matthew R. Jackson, Esq (Moderator)

Adams and Reese (Mobile)

**2:30 p.m. BREAK**

**2:45 p.m. View from the Inside: Questions and Answers with General Contractor Inside Counsel**

Nancy Fouad-Carey, Esq.

Brasfield & Gorrie (Birmingham)

Arden Pathak, Esq.

Goodwyn Mills Cawood (Birmingham)

E. Glenn Waldrop, Esq (Moderator)

Lightfoot Franklin & White (Birmingham)

**3:30 p.m. Legal Practice in the Era of Artificial Intelligence: Ethical Considerations**

Rachelle E. Sanchez, Esq

Lightfoot Franklin & White (Birmingham)

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