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SERVICES

Cybersecurity and Privacy
Cybersecurity and Privacy in
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Litigation
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Utilities
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INDUSTRIES

Energy
Energy Transmission /
Pipelines
Ports and Maritime
Construction
Government Contracts

Sunu Pillai counsels construction and energy industry clients on issues throughout the project life-cycle, from contract formation through dispute resolution. Having worked in the construction industry as an engineer, project manager and claims consultant prior to his legal career, Sunu has a deep understanding of issues related to construction disputes. He assists owners, contractors, sureties, subcontractors and engineering firms on issues including differing site conditions, schedule delays, Miller Act claims, loss of productivity, and design issues. He has represented clients in various state and federal courts, and in arbitrations under American Arbitration Association (AAA), International Center for Dispute Resolution (ICDR) and International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) rules.

In addition to being an advocate on behalf of his clients, Sunu is an arbitrator with AAA for construction- related cases. He is certified as a Fellow with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb), and is an approved mediator with the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Sunu also assists clients in complying with privacy and cybersecurity regulations and in responding to potential data breaches. He holds the Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP / US) certification from the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP).

His prior engineering and project management experience on domestic and international energy, infrastructure and construction projects makes Sunu attuned to the business needs and priorities of his clients. In his consulting career, he worked on projects including power plants, offshore oil and gas, shipbuilding, rail construction, industrial plants, road projects and buildings. On these domestic and international projects, Sunu analyzed issues including schedule delays, disruption, acceleration and inefficiencies. He also has broad experience in change management, including quantifying delays and providing advice on dispute avoidance. His engineering experience involved working as a naval architect in the shipbuilding industry, in both design and field engineering. Sunu holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in naval architecture and multiple industry certifications.

HONORS

Named to *The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch* list, Alternative Dispute Resolution and Construction Law, 2021 to present

MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Editorial Board, Dispute Resolution Magazine

American Bar Association

- Forum on Construction Law
- Section of Dispute Resolution

Vice Chair, ADR Committee, Allegheny County Bar Association

Executive Committee, The Hay-Sell American Inns of Court, Pittsburgh

Board of Directors, Allegheny County Bar Foundation

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Pittsburgh School of Law, 2014

- FLAS Fellowship 2013-14
- Dean's Scholarship 2011-13
- EMLF Scholarship 2013
- *Pittsburgh Journal of Environmental and Public Health Law*- 2012-14

Certificate in International and Comparative Law, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, 2014

Graduate Certificate in Asian Studies, University of Pittsburgh Center for International Studies, 2014

M.S., University of Michigan, 1998

B.Tech, Cochin University of Science and Technology, 1997

BAR ADMISSION

Pennsylvania

CERTIFICATIONS

Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb) Certified Professional Contract Manager (CPCM) Project Management Professional (PMP) Certified Cost Professional (CCP) Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP)