



What Is Construction Law?



In the past few weeks, I must have been asked one question on multiple occasions: "What is Construction Law?" When this question was asked, I realized that I've been Musing on this topic for almost three years and realized that I've posted on everything from [why I enjoy being a construction lawyer](#), to various topics on the subject, to [marketing a construction law practice](#), but have never attempted to define my

own practice area.

Well, here's my attempt to do just that, i.e. put a definition to the area of the law that [I have practiced for so long](#)-construction law. In thinking about this topic when answering the questions from colleagues and friends (not to mention for my class at [Solo Practice University](#)), I realize that I don't have a short answer. The best "one liner" I could come up with is a mix of contract law, construction specific collection tools, psychology, and litigation. Mix in some general business counseling for Virginia's contractors and subcontractors and there you have it!

Not enough detail for you? Here are a few of the basic components (many of which are pages here at [Musings](#)):

- [Construction Contract Drafting and Evaluation](#)
- [Virginia Mechanic's Liens](#)
- [Little Miller Act Claims](#)
- [Green Building Advising](#)
- [Incorporation Issues](#)
- General Construction & Surety Litigation

While this is not all that I do for my construction clients (either here in Virginia or those from [outside of the Commonwealth](#)), I believe that this pretty well sums up what I believe to be the components of a construction law practice.

Did I forget anything? Is there a service you believe I could be providing that should be added to this list? Let me know.

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