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# WSHB PARTNER MELISSA SARACYAN TO PRESENT ON JOINT MEDIATION STRATEGIES AT 2025 CLM CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE

### Speaking Engagement

San Diego, CA

9.18.25 | 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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Wood Smith Henning & Berman is proud to share that Melissa Saracyan, a leading attorney in construction litigation, will join a distinguished panel at the 2025 CLM Construction Conference in San Diego. Her session, "*Breaking Down the Walls: Joint Mediation strategies for Construction Disputes*," is scheduled to take place on September 18 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. as part of the three-day conference.

As construction litigation grows more complex, the need for early, collaborative resolution strategies become ever more urgent. This dynamic roundtable will highlight how joint mediation sessions- bringing together insurance experts, carriers, and counsel, can lead to more precise claim evaluations, reduced litigation costs, and expedited settlements.

Saracyan and her co-panelists: Ted Bumgardner- Director for MC Consultants; Stacy La Scala- mediator and arbitrator for JAMS; and Emma Tortorici- National Claim Director for Turner Surety & Insurance Brokerage, Inc., will offer actionable guidance on structuring joint sessions, preserving confidentiality and privilege as well as navigating the challenges of multi-party involvement in high-stakes disputes.

"In today's environment, siloed approaches to mediation don't always represent best practice," said Saracyan. "By breaking down the walls between stakeholders early, we open the door to more transparent, efficient, and ultimately more successful resolutions."

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