

# Brent Hicks



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## education

Loyola University New Orleans College of Law (J.D., 1995)

- *Law Review*

Louisiana State University (B.S., Accounting, 1991)

- *Certified Public Accountant, 1994, (inactive status)*

## admissions

Louisiana

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court

## honors

**Clients often call on me to help turn around matters that are causing them and their current law firm trouble. When I'm brought into a dispute, I always first try to devise a solution and resolve it without litigation. If that's not possible, then we do what we have to do – craft creative, efficient strategies to get the best possible outcome for my clients. My team and I often prevail in cases against some of the most talented counsel in the state of Louisiana.**

Brent Hicks counsels clients in commercial litigation, construction litigation, and government contracting. A highly regarded trial lawyer, Brent has led teams in significant complex commercial disputes before federal and state courts, as well as arbitral proceedings in Louisiana and in several other states. In more than two decades of practice, he has handled some very large, high-profile cases, including cases before the U.S. 5th Circuit en banc as well as multiple state appellate courts and panels. When the stakes are as high as the pressure, such as when Brent tried and prevailed in a billion-dollar case where the credit rating of the State of Louisiana was

- *Martindale-Hubbell* AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated Lawyer
- Recipient of the Louisiana State Bar Association's Pro Bono Publico Award

## affiliations

### Professional

- American Bar Association, Public Contracts Section, Construction Law Forum
- Louisiana State Bar Association
- Baton Rouge Bar Association, Construction Law Section

at issue, he always learns a great deal and gains valuable experience by being put under "a huge microscope."

Brent's construction practice focuses on litigation and all aspects of construction law. He represents owners, contractors, insurers, and other professionals in the industry. He assists clients through all stages of construction projects, including preparing and negotiating construction contracts, advising owners and contractors during the project so as to avoid and resolve disputes, and litigating disputes following project completion.

Brent represents clients in financial and real estate transaction litigation and in conflicts among business owners. He has counseled governmental clients, including the State of Louisiana and its agencies, in matters involving disputes about contracts, civil rights, state retirement funding, education, health care, and prison conditions. In the government contracting arena, Brent helps clients evaluate and negotiate proposals, bids, and contracts, and represents them in their public bid disputes related to federal, state, and local construction projects and procurements. Additionally, he advises clients on compliance issues with the Cost Principals of FAR Part 31 and handles settlements related to contracts terminated for default and for convenience.

Drawing from his background as a certified public accountant, Brent always approaches matters from a business-oriented perspective that considers balance sheets and income statements. His CPA experience and financial knowledge base give him keen insight into the commercial concerns of the companies he represents.

## presentations

"Non-Compete Clauses and Restrictive Covenants," Louisiana State Medical Society, Baton Rouge, LA, January 24, 2020

"What You Need to Know About Public Records and Open Meetings Law," Louisiana State Bar Association Practice in the Public Section XVIII Conference, Baton Rouge, LA, November 1, 2018

"Other Legal Issues Related to the Louisiana Public Records Law," Live Seminar, Scott, LA, November 12, 2014

"Title 39 the Louisiana Procurement Code With Recent Update," Public Contracts and Procurement Regulations in Louisiana, Lorman Education Seminars, Baton Rouge, LA, October 15, 2014

"What You Need to Know About Public Records and Open Meetings in Louisiana, Lorman Education Services, Lafayette, LA, May 1, 2013

"The Public Bid Law, Procurement Code, and Other Legal Limitations to Public/Private Partnerships," Lorman Education Services, New Orleans, LA, July 25, 2012