



A. Holt Gwyn

In Memoriam  
1949-2017



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Holt Gwyn, one of the founding members of Conner Gwyn Schenck PLLC, died on September 18, 2017.

Born on September 11, 1949, Holt grew up in Winston-Salem in a family proud of its long legacy as native North Carolinians for many generations. Holt was a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the Wake Forest University School of Law. Upon graduating from law school he moved to Greensboro and joined the office of the United States Attorney, Middle District of North Carolina, where for four years as an Assistant U.S. Attorney he prosecuted white collar fraud and environmental violations, and represented U.S. agencies in civil disputes.

For the majority of his career, Holt's practice concentrated in construction, environmental, and employment disputes, and business activities for private industry clients. Holt co-authored numerous books and was the author of more than twenty-five articles on construction and environmental topics. From 2007-2015, he was Editor-in-Chief of the semiannual Journal of the American College of Construction Lawyers. He lectured frequently to bar association and industry groups.

Holt had extensive experience in alternative dispute resolution (ADR) procedures. He was a Fellow in the College of Commercial Arbitrators, a member of the American Arbitration Association's Construction Mega Project Panel and its Large, Complex Case Program Panel of Arbitrators and Neutrals. Mr. Gwyn was also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London, UK, and a member of the CPR Construction Environmental Panels, New York, NY.

Holt was a highly regarded member of the North Carolina and American Bar Associations. In 2014, the American Bar Association Forum on Construction Law honored Holt with the Cornerstone Award, the highest award presented by the Forum and which honors members who have provided long-term exceptional service to the construction industry, to the public and to the legal profession.

#### **COURT ADMISSIONS**

- State of North Carolina, 1976
- United States Supreme Court, 1986
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, 1977
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, 1977-2012
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of North Carolina, 1976

#### **EDUCATION**

- A.B., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1971
- J.D., Wake Forest University School of Law, 1976



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## **EMPLOYMENT**

- Conner Gwyn Schenck PLLC
- Patton Boggs LLP
- Falk, Carruthers & Roth PA
- Assistant U.S. Attorney, MDNC

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & AFFILIATIONS**

- President, American College of Construction Lawyers, 2016  
(Board of Governors, 2002-2005; Secretary 2013-2014)
- Editor-in-Chief, *Journal of the American College of Construction Lawyers*, Thomson/Reuters/West Publications, 2007-2015, Associate Editor, 2006-2007, 2016-2017
- Chair, American Bar Association Forum on Construction Law, 1999-2000
- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), London, UK
- Fellow, College of Commercial Arbitrators
- Charter Member, Board of Trustees, North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust Fund, 1996-2004
- Member, American Bar Association, Standing Committee on Publishing Oversight, 2000-2006
- Chair, North Carolina Bar Association Construction Law Section, 2014-2015 (Founding Member, 1987) (Section Council, 2011-2014)
- Chapter Counsel, Structural Building Components Association of America, North Carolina and Capital Area Chapters
- Chapter Counsel, American Fire Sprinkler Association, Carolinas Chapter
- Construction Specifications Institute, NC
- Founding Member, North Carolina Academy of Superior Court Mediators

## **HONORS**

- Cornerstone Award, American Bar Association Forum on Construction Law, 2014
- Best Lawyers – Lawyer of the Year, Litigation-Construction
- Best Lawyers in America for Construction Law
- North Carolina Super Lawyer, Construction Litigation
- Business North Carolina's Legal Elite, Construction Law
- Corporate Counsel Top Lawyer
- Top 100 North Carolina Lawyers, Charlotte Magazine
- Who's Who Legal of International Business Lawyers
- Martindale-Hubbell ("AV") Peer Review Rated

## **CERTIFICATIONS & CREDENTIALS**

- Member, American Arbitration Association Large, Complex Case Program (LCCP) Panel of Arbitrators and Neutrals
- Member, American Arbitration Association Construction Mega Panel
- Member, American Arbitration Association Panel of Commercial Arbitrators
- Member, International Institute for Conflict Prevention Resolution (CPR), Construction and Environmental Panels, New York, NY
- Member, American Arbitration Association Panel of Construction Mediators
- Mediator and Arbitrator, U.S. District Court, E.D., M.D. and W.D. of NC
- Mediator certified by the NC Dispute Resolution Commission for North Carolina Superior Courts



## PUBLICATIONS

- Editor, The College of Commercial Arbitrators Guide to Best Practices in Commercial Arbitration, 4th ed., JurisNet
- Co-author and co-editor, North Carolina Construction Law Treatise, Thomson/Reuters/West, 2015-2016 ed.
- Co-author, Construction Damages and Remedies, ABA Book Publishing, 2004, 2nd ed., 2013
- Co-author, Construction Law, ABA Book Publishing, 2009
- Co-author, The 2007 A201 Deskbook, ABA Book Publishing, 2008
- Co-author, The Annotated Construction Law Glossary, ABA Book Publishing, 2010
- Co-author, "Fifty-State Survey of Anti-Indemnity Statutes and Related Case Law," *The Construction Lawyer*, Vol. 23, No. 3, 2003
- Co-author (North Carolina Chapter), State Public Construction Law Source Book, CCH, Inc., 2002
- Author, "A Comparison of the Major International Arbitration Rules," *The Construction Lawyer*, Vol. 19, No. 3, 1999
- Contributing Editor, ABA Quarterly Journal, *The Construction Lawyer*, 1990-1997
- Author, "Contractor and Subcontractor Payment Statutes – Public and Private Projects," *The Construction Lawyer*, Vol. 16, No. 1, 1996, updating Mr. Gwyn's earlier article at Vol. 10, No.3, 1990
- Co-author, "Apportionment of Liquidated Damages in Cases of Concurrent Delay," *Construction Law Advisor*, April 1991
- Author, "Response to Environmental Releases – Limitations on Liability," *The Construction Lawyer*, Vol. 10, No. 4, 1990
- Co-author, *Construction Claims*, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, 1988

## SPEECHES, PANEL DISCUSSIONS & SEMINARS

- "Managing the Arbitral Process to Reduce Costs Without Sacrificing Positive Results," 2015 ADR Summit, ABA Forum on Construction Law, Austin, TX, September 2015
- "Construction Contracts," 2014 NC Bar Association Real Property Section Annual Meeting, Kiawah Island Resort, SC, May 16-17, 2014
- "Arbitrating Construction Defect Cases: Maximizing the Arbitral Advantage," Joint Meeting of NC and SC Bar Associations' Construction Law Sections, Asheville, NC, September 2013
- "Consolidation and Joinder Issues in Construction Arbitration: What Construction Counsel Need to Know," The 2012 AAA Construction Conference – Cutting Construction Arbitration Costs Without Compromise, NYU Law School, New York, NY, June 1, 2012
- "Construction CPM Scheduling," NC Bar Association, February 24, 2011, Cary, NC and VA Bar Association, Fairfax, VA, August 11, 2011
- "Results-Effective Arbitrations Within Budget," Joint Meeting of the NC and SC Bar Associations' Construction Law Sections, Wild Dunes, SC, September 2011
- "The 2007 A201 General Conditions: A Guide to the Hot Button Changes," ABA Forum on the Construction Industry National Teleconference, April 18, 2008
- "What the Public Sector Has to Know About ADR," The Public Construction SuperConference, Sheraton Palace Hotel, San Francisco, CA, December 2001
- "Expert Witnesses – Selection and Ethical Preparation," ABA Annual Meeting, Section of Litigation, Plaza Hotel, New York, NY, July 2000
- "How Government Will Affect Your Business, Today and Tomorrow," American Fire Sprinkler Association National Convention, Phoenix, AZ, September 2000
- "Fragmented Design: Risk and Opportunity," American Fire Sprinkler Association, Carolinas Chapter Annual Meeting, April 2000
- "Mastering Mediation: Making the Process Work for You," Associated General Contractors of America, Mid-Year Meeting, September 1998
- "Legal Aspects of Truss System Design," Design of Metal Plate-Connected Wood Truss Systems, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, VA, 1997 and 1998
- "The 1997 A201: Understanding the Revised General Conditions," District of Columbia Building Industry Association, Washington, D.C., January 1998



- “Ten Myths About Mediation,” 37th Annual Meeting of Invited Attorneys, New Orleans, LA, 1998
- “Environmental Construction: Market or Minefield?” Program Chair, American Bar Association, Forum on the Construction Industry and Tort and Insurance Section, Joint Mid-Winter Meeting, New York, NY, 1994
- “Construction Lawyers and Their Clients – Overcoming the Love/Hate Syndrome,” Construction SuperConference, San Francisco, CA, 1994
- “Protecting the Owner and CM in Construction Management Contracting,” Construction SuperConference, San Francisco, CA, 1992
- “EPA’s New Regulations Governing Stormwater Runoff,” American Bar Association, Forum on the Construction Industry, Seattle, WA, 1992
- “Emerging Issues in Fire Protection Design Responsibility,” NCSU School of Engineering Symposium, Raleigh, NC, 1998; repeated at the American Fire Sprinkler Association, Annual Meeting, Hilton Head, SC, 1989
- “The Federal Construction Safety and Health Act,” American Bar Association Forum on the Construction Industry, New Orleans, LA, 1989
- “Protecting and Enforcing the Subcontractor’s Right To Be Paid,” Virginia Law Foundation, Virginia State Bar, Charlottesville, VA, 1988
- “Failsafe Mechanisms for Professional Engineers,” Professional Engineers of North Carolina, Raleigh, NC, 1987

#### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES & PUBLIC SERVICE**

- Member, Board of Trustees, John Motley Morehead Memorial Commission, 2001-2006
- Charter Member, Board of Directors, Downtown Greensboro Incorporated, 1996-2004
- Chair, Guilford County Advisory Board for Environmental Quality, 1995-1997; Vice-Chair, 1992-1995
- President, Preservation Greensboro Incorporated, 1999-2001; Member, Board of Directors, 1992-2003
- Co-Chair, Governmental Affairs Council, Greensboro Area Chamber of Commerce, 1995 -1997
- Member, Board of Directors, Greensboro Area Chamber of Commerce, 1995-1997
- Member, North Carolina Stormwater Management Advisory Committee, 1992-1994
- Member, Board of Directors, Eastern Music Festival, Inc., 1994-1998; 2009-2012
- Member, Board of Directors, Greensboro Symphony Orchestra, 2003-2009
- Member, Board of Directors, Green Hill Center for North Carolina Art, Inc., 1999-2006
- Member, Volunteers to the Court, First Offender’s Program, Guilford County, 1980-1991