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Sonja C. Rice is a member of Hahn Loeser's Construction Law Practice Group and co-chair of the firm's Alternative Energy and Emerging Technologies Group. Sonja's practice focuses on the development and negotiation of a wide variety of commercial contracts, including master services agreements, supply chain and manufacturing agreements, professional services contracts, intellectual property development and licensing agreements, energy savings performance contracts, and business process outsourcing agreements, with a particular emphasis on facilities management and real estate services. She also has significant experience in the development and negotiation of construction contracts at all levels and the resolution of construction-related disputes. Previously with the firm's litigation group, and now with the firm's business practice group, Sonja has represented Fortune 500 companies, privately-held businesses, and non-profit organizations across the United States in fields including technology, manufacturing, construction, and real estate.

Sonja is a frequent speaker on a variety of topics, including contract terms and conditions, construction contract negotiation, claims avoidance, and risk mitigation. She regularly leads seminars for clients, focusing on best practices in the negotiation of supply chain agreements and construction project documentation. She has also been a professor of appellate practice at Case Western Reserve University School of Law.

Publications & Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, "A Call to Collective Action: Dismantling Xenophobia and Racism Against the Asian Community," Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, April 2021.
- Speaker, "Construction Law from Start to Finish," National Business Institute, December 2019.
- Speaker, "Effective Project Documentation and Contract Provisions," Construction Employers Association, June 2018.
- Speaker, "Managing Risk and Protecting Rewards in Design Build Construction," CEA, June 2018.
- Speaker, "Construction Contracts: Negotiating Key Provisions - Pricing Method Difficulties for Owners and Contractors," National Business Institute, April 2014.
- Speaker, "Green Construction Issues," Mechanical and Plumbing Industry Council, Cleveland Chapter, July 2013.
- Speaker, "Green Construction Issues," National Association of Women in Construction, Cleveland Chapter, May 2013.
- Co-Author, "Miller v. Astrue" moot court competition problem, Chicago Bar Association 2008 Young Lawyers Section Moot Court Competition; Case Western Reserve University School of Law 2006 Dean Dunmore Moot Court Competition.



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- Speaker, “Green Construction Alternative Dispute Resolution Update: What is Changing, and What is Staying the Same?,” American Arbitration Association Regional Seminars, 2010-11.
- Author, “Federal Court in New Mexico Issues Ruling in *AHRI et al. v. City of Albuquerque*,” Hahn Loeser’s Construction Law Practice Group, October 2010.
- Speaker, “Protecting Yourself in Tough Times: Managing Your Risk and Protecting Your Profit,” National Business Institute, October 2009.
- Author, “Exercise Caution When Contracts Are Negotiated Via Email,” Hahn Loeser’s Construction Law Practice Group, March 2009.

Professional History

- Of Counsel, Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP, 2013-present; Associate, 2001-12.

Admissions

- State of Ohio, 2001.
- U.S. District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Ohio, 2002; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, 2003; U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, 2005; U.S. Supreme Court, 2007.

Education

- Case Western Reserve University School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2001.
 - Honors & Activities: Order of Barristers; International Academy of Trial Lawyers Award; William H. Wallace Award; Dean Dunmore Moot Court Competition Award; National Moot Court team.
- Oberlin College, B.A., 1992.
 - Honors & Activities: Classical piano training at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music.

Memberships & Affiliations

- National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, Member.
- Asian American Bar Association of Ohio, Board of Trustees, Member, 2007-present; By-Laws Committee, Chair, 2013.

Languages

- Indonesian (Conversational).
- German (Basic).

Community Involvement

- Case Western Reserve University School of Law, L.L.M. Advisory Board, Member.