

# Speaker Biography



**Kelsey Funes** is a partner at Phelps Dunbar in the Baton Rouge office and has practiced as a construction lawyer for more than 25 years. During that time, she has successfully litigated and arbitrated cases in the Gulf South and throughout the country. Kelsey regularly speaks at seminars and briefings on construction-related topics, including those hosted by the Baton Rouge Bar Association Construction Law Section, Louisiana State Bar Association, and the ABA Forum on Construction Law. She is also the author of a number of published works, including a chapter in the Construction Trial Deskbook published by the ABA Forum on Construction Law in 2021. She is currently the Chair of Division 1 of the ABA Forum on Construction Law (Litigation and Dispute Resolution), on the faculty of the Forum's Trial Academy and is an instructor at the Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center Apprenticeship Week on Construction law. She is an arbitrator on the American Arbitration Association's Construction Panel and was selected as a Construction Law Trailblazer in the 2022 National Law Journal.