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Gibbs, Giden, Locher & Turner LLP

The Firm: While this “solid” outfit is particularly commended for attracting impressive business in Southern California, it also enjoys both a statewide and a national footprint, and offers renowned alternative dispute resolution expertise as well as transactional and litigation skills. Attentive to client needs and possessing keen business acumen, the team offers clients “*bang for their buck*,” while seeing projects through from conception to conclusion. It has extensive experience in a range of construction projects, including airports, power plants, hospitals and major sports venues. Highlights include acting for Swinerton Builders against Pacific Design Center, which on retrial achieved a substantial judgment leading to a very favorable verdict, and representing a prime contractor involved in a dispute with a major LA hospital, which resulted in a multimillion-dollar settlement of all litigation and a successful conclusion to a very difficult project for the client.

The Lawyers: Commentators claim that “*excellent*” construction alternative dispute resolution specialist and senior partner **Ken Gibbs** “*is the chief*,” and describe his mediation and arbitration skills as “*phenomenal*.” According to both peers and clients, he is “*personable, a consensus builder and well steeped in his trade; he cajoles people into settlements very nicely*.” Impressive strategist **Glenn Turner** is considered a leading construction player in California. His practice runs the gamut in terms of client representation, where he acts for, among others, large construction companies and owners in major construction projects as well as in smaller matters. Renowned transactional lawyer **Barbara Gadbois** concentrates her practice on the development and management of construction projects, including the drafting and negotiation of bid and contract documents, procurement issues, public works, competitive bidding requirements, bid protest issues, prequalification and project delivery methods.

Clients/Work Highlights: Swinerton Builders; Southern California Public Power Authority; Riverton Steel Construction; Maas-Hansen Steel; Sierra Aluminum; Centex and City of Pasadena.

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