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Joshua Ritti
Construction Practice Director
Exponent

Exponent, founded as Failure Analysis Associates by Stanford professors and SRI engineers, is now a multi-disciplinary engineering and scientific consulting firm of over 90 different disciplines solving engineering, science, regulatory, and business issues facing its clients. Josh Ritti is the Director of Exponent’s Construction Consulting practice. He advises construction clients on a range of topics including risk management, project controls, change management, project scheduling, contract review and assessments, process improvement, change order negotiations, the development or defense of construction claims and expert witness services. Josh’s experience with construction disputes includes the development, analysis and defense of construction claims related to scheduling, inefficiencies, and cost overruns. He has analyzed owner, contractor, and designer performance and allocated responsibility for project impacts on a wide variety of projects. He has developed as-planned schedules, prepared and analyzed as-built schedules, and utilized numerous schedule analysis techniques to quantify delay and disruption. Josh has participated in the successful negotiation of numerous disputes, and has testified on construction schedule and cost issues in mediation, dispute resolution board hearings, arbitration and trial.

Wed 20Oct2019
Mark Kroll
Managing Director
Sares Regis Group of Northern California

Mark Kroll is co-founder and Managing Director of Sares Regis Group of Northern California, LLC, and Regis Homes Bay Area, LLC. Combined with its affiliate Sares Regis Group, headquartered in Irvine, the firm has a portfolio of real estate properties and fee-based management contracts valued in excess of $4 billion, including 16,000 rental apartments and 15 million square feet of commercial and industrial space. Together with Rob Wagner, Mark is responsible for the executive management of all operating divisions in Northern California. He has a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from Lehigh University and a Master’s Degree in Civil Engineering/Construction Management from Stanford University. Mark is a Consulting Professor in Civil and Environmental Engineering at Stanford University. He is the At-Large Vice Chair of Urban Mixed-use of the Urban Land Institute, Development Council; Governor of the Urban Land Institute Foundation; and a Board Member of the Homebuilding Community Foundation.

Wed 9Oct2019
Kathryn Cahill Thompson
Chief Executive Officer
Cahill Contractors LLC

Kathryn Cahill Thompson is Chief Executive Officer of Cahill Contractors LLC. The fourth generation of the Cahill family in the construction business (father Jay Cahill is a Stanford CE BS), Kathryn has worked in project management and estimating for projects spanning affordable housing, market rate condominiums, senior housing, and religious facilities. She is also involved with company operations including marketing, recruiting and technology. Prior to Cahill, Kathryn worked in management consulting at Mercer Management Consulting (now Oliver Wyman) and in nonprofit management/strategy for the Bridgespan Group and Oakland Unified School District. She has served on the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Youth Sports Foundation (BAYS) and the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. Kathryn has her BA in Economics/Geography and an Engineering Sciences minor from Dartmouth University, as well as an MBA from Stanford Graduate School of Business, and is LEED AP certified. Cahill Contractors has been building with quality and integrity for over 100 years, specializing in residential, civic, healthcare, education, and commercial construction in the San Francisco Bay Area.

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�Don Clark
President
Clark Pacific Construction

Don Clark is co-owner and president, business development of Clark Pacific, the largest precast concrete manufacturer in the Western US. He has over 30 years of experience in the design, manufacture, and construction of precast concrete solutions. He is an engineer by training and grew up with the precast business developed by his father, Jim Clark. Don has spent his career developing innovative precast solutions and working closely with owners, developers, designers, and builders to deliver high-quality, cost-effective, energy-efficient and resilient constructive solutions using plant-cast precast concrete systems: architectural, structural and “archi-structural”. Clark Pacific’s innovations over the years have included developing award-winning finishes, GFRC and thin-shell cladding systems, implementing seismic advances, including the self-righting PRESS System, and developing “Archi-structural” systems, total precast building systems that include integrated fine quality finishes. Clark Pacific’s innovative approach has kept it at the forefront of construction technology developments, and have helped make the company a valuable resource to designers, builders, high tech and other owners in California and the West Coast. Don received his degree in Civil Engineering from Stanford University.

�Michael Traylor
Owner & Co-President
Traylor Brothers, Inc

Michael Traylor is Co-President, CEO, and Co-Chair of the Board of Traylor Bros, Inc. Together with his brother, Chris (a Stanford CEE MS), he is responsible for overall management of the third-generation family-owned company. Starting in the Bridge and Marine Division in 1991, Mike worked on the Tampa Bay Bridge as field engineer and bridge superintendent, as well as estimator, project coordinator, and division manager before moving to Traylor’s Underground Division in 1997. Michael has managed some of Traylor’s most exciting underground projects, including four major tunnels in LA. In 2002, he was promoted Vice President and Underground Division Operations Manager. In 2007, he was named Co-President retaining key leadership roles on Traylor’s highly successful Queens Bored Tunnels project in New York and the University Link Tunnels in Seattle. Mike was 2017-18 president of The Beavers, national Heavy Civils construction association. Mike holds a BS in Civil Engineering and Geology from Duke University. Working for 29 years in nearly every role in Traylor Bros. and in both divisions—from field engineer to upper management, from bridges to tunnels to operations support—resulted in a unique set of skills and experience that make him an effective leader.

William F Traylor founded Traylor Brothers in 1946, taking on and succeeding with extremely challenging projects. Traylor Bros, Inc is now one of the nation’s leading heavy civil contractors. The company has a staff of dedicated professionals employing some of the most innovative construction techniques in the industry to build landmark bridges, tunnels, and marine structures including the new Tappan Zee Bridge in New York, the I-70 Missouri River Bridge in St. Louis, the San Vicente Pipeline in Lakeside, California, the Chief Joseph Dam in Bridgeport, Washington, and the Cannellon Hydroelectric Project in Hawesville, Kentucky.
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Alasdair Cathcart
President Oil Gas & Chemicals Business
Catherine Hunt Ryan, BGI CFO, SVP
Bechtel Corporation

Alasdair Cathcart is president of Bechtel’s Oil, Gas & Chemicals business, an SVP/Partner, and a director of Bechtel Group’s board. Alasdair has 29 years in engineering, procurement, construction, BD, and executive leadership on five continents in multiple industries. He’s served as president of Bechtel’s Power business, its Fossil business line, and Bechtel Construction Operations as well as operations manager of its largest (Liquefied Natural Gas/LNG) business line. Alasdair’s held project management roles on High Speed 1 in the UK, and was project director on the Croatian Motorway and Elm Road Generation Station. A BS in civil engineering from Heriot-Watt University in Scotland, he is a chartered professional civil engineer at UK’s Institute of Civil Engineers.

Catherine Hunt Ryan joined Bechtel Enterprises in 2007 as an asset manager on jointly-owned airports and led development and financing for renewable power projects. She held project control and commercial lead roles on Sabine Pass LNG and as CFO of the Oil, Gas & Chemicals Business. A Bechtel Partner, Catherine was recently named CFO of the entire Bechtel Group. Previously at World Bank’s Infrastructure Economics and Finance unit, Catherine focused on private investment in power and water utilities and has authored publications on same. She has a BA in political science from Stanford and Masters in public policy from Harvard.

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Wed 4 Dec 2019

George Pla
Founder & Chief Executive Officer
Cordoba Corporation

George Pla is President, CEO, and founder of Cordoba Corporation, a nationally recognized engineering and construction management firm based in Los Angeles. For over 30 years, he has provided the leadership and vision to grow Cordoba into one of the top civil engineering and construction management firms providing services to large public infrastructure projects throughout the Western United States. Prominent current projects include program management services for the California High Speed Rail, construction services for San Francisco’s Water System Improvement Program (Hetch Hetchy), as well as design-build services for BART, Los Angeles Metro, and San Francisco Municipal Transportation Authority. Cordoba Corp is consistently ranked by Hispanic Business Magazine as one of the top ten service providers in California. George’s achievements are featured in several books, including: Hispanic USA, Nine Nations of America, CEO’s Speak Out, The Politics of Aging, Eastside Landmark, Job Training That Gets Results, Building Bridges of Understanding, and his latest, Power Shift on how California Latinos have transformed American politics.