



Dr. Vida Tarassoly, Ph.D., P.E., S.E., Esq.

Registered California Civil and Structural Engineer

Licensed Contractor (Class A, B & HAZ)

Certified Mediator | California Attorney

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Dr. Vida Tarassoly is a highly credentialed expert witness in the construction field and a registered civil and structural engineer, licensed contractor holding Class A (General Engineering), Class B (General Building), and HAZ (Hazardous Substance Removal) classifications, certified mediator, holder of a Ph.D. in Structural Engineering, and a California attorney. Dr. Tarassoly has extensive experience in complex construction disputes, structural, civil, and forensic engineering matters, environmental contamination and remediation, and grading and drainage issues. Her multidisciplinary background provides valuable insight into complex construction and engineering disputes involving technical issues, standard of care, causation, damages, repair methodologies, code compliance, and construction practices. Her Ph.D. in Structural Engineering further enhances her ability to evaluate complex engineering and construction issues with substantial technical depth and analytical rigor.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Construction Defects
- Structural and Civil Engineering Design Defects
- Failure Analysis and Forensic Investigation
- Defective Grading and Drainage Conditions
- Water Intrusion and Moisture-Related Damage
- Deep Foundation and Structural Distress
- Retaining Walls and Hillside Construction
- Construction Means and Methods
- Standard of Care Analysis (Engineering and Construction)
- Repair Methodology and Constructability
- Contractor Licensing and Scope of Work
- Delay, Coordination, and Project Management Issues
- Code Compliance and Permit Issues
- Environmental Site Assessment, Contamination, and Remediation
- Hazardous Materials and Environmental Compliance
- Soil and Groundwater Investigation

DISTINCTIVE QUALIFICATIONS

Dr. Tarassoly's distinguished combination of structural and civil engineering expertise, construction experience, contractor licensure, and legal credentials provides exceptional depth and credibility in complex construction, engineering, and forensic matters. Her practical construction experience together with her engineering and legal background allows her to analyze technical issues from both engineering and litigation perspectives while communicating complex concepts clearly and effectively to attorneys, judges, and juries. The breadth of her multidisciplinary qualifications, including her Ph.D. in Structural Engineering, professional licenses, legal training, and practical construction experience, is rarely found within a single construction expert witness.

Her legal background further strengthens her ability to work effectively with attorneys and provide technically grounded expert opinions responsive to the evidentiary and litigation needs of complex construction and environmental matters.

As an attorney, engineer, and contractor, Dr. Tarassoly has substantial experience developing, evaluating, and presenting complex technical claims and expert analyses in construction and engineering disputes.

EDUCATION

University of Southern California

Ph.D., Structural Engineering, 2004

Dissertation: Application of Viscous Dampers to Structures within Near-Fault Zones

M.S., Civil Engineering, 1983

Master's Thesis: Development of Plane Strain and Stress Models for COSMOS Finite Element Analysis Software

B.S., Civil Engineering, 1980 – Magna Cum Laude

Pacific Coast University School of Law

J.D., 2014

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