

AGC GEORGIA'S SKILL, INTEGRITY AND RESPONSIBILITY (SIR) AWARD

Tonight, President Randy Hall will honor Philip Edward (Phil) Beck, a partner with Smith, Currie & Hancock LLP in Atlanta with the 2017 AGC Georgia SIR Award. The award recognizes Mr. Beck's outstanding service, leadership and involvement in the construction community during his distinguished career which continues to exemplify *Skill, Integrity and Responsibility*.



Phil graduated from UT in 1978, with high honors, with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and remained at UT, where he enrolled in the JD/MBA Joint Degree Program. Phil received both his law degree and his Master of Business Administration Degree (with a concentration in Finance) from UT in 1981, graduating number 4 in his law school class.

Phil first became aware of Smith Currie when he interviewed with the firm at the beginning of his second year of law school, as he began contacting Atlanta law firms about the possibility of a summer clerkship. Before interviewing with Smith Currie, Phil did not know there was any such thing as a "construction lawyer," and he had no prior construction, engineering, or related experience. Phil was impressed with attorneys he met at the firm and the culture of this law firm co-founded by prior SIR Award recipient Overton Currie. Phil clerked for Smith Currie during the summer of 1980 and returned to Atlanta in the fall of 1981 to become a full-time attorney at Smith Currie, where he has now practiced construction law continuously for over 35 years.

He has represented clients in connection with a broad range of construction issues, problems, and disputes arising out of both public and private construction projects throughout the United States and abroad. He has also drafted and reviewed thousands of design and construction contracts. And, he has served as a construction arbitrator and mediator.

Early in Phil's legal career at Smith Currie, he became active in AGC – initially AGC Georgia, and later AGC of America. On occasion, Phil has provided legal representation to both AGC Georgia and AGC of America; but most of his work with AGC has been volunteer work. Phil served on the AGC Georgia Board of Directors, is a long-time member of its Legislative Committee, and served on other committees. Phil was named an AGC Georgia Volunteer of the Year for 2014-2015.

Phil is past Chair of AGC of America's Service & Supply Council and a past member of national's Executive Board. He also served as Vice Chair and then Chair of AGC of America's Contract Documents Forum and was recognized as AGC of America's 2014 Chair of the Year. Since 2015, Phil has been a Life Governor on AGC's Board of Governors and a member of the AGC Education and Research Foundation Board of Directors. While Chair of AGC's Contract Documents Forum, Phil also served a term as Chair of the ConsensusDocs Content Advisory Council (the drafters of the ConsensusDocs contract forms), a Council he served on from 2009 to 2016.

Trying to follow in Overton Currie's footsteps and following the example of many Smith Currie attorneys, Phil has written and lectured extensively on various topics related to the construction industry and construction law, and has been a featured speaker on numerous programs and seminars sponsored by various educational institutions and construction trade associations. He has also served as an adjunct professor of Construction Law at what was then Southern Polytechnic State University, as well as a guest lecturer at Georgia Tech. Phil is a regular speaker on AGC of America's Project Manager Course and Advanced Management Program, as well as BIM Courses offered by both AGC Georgia and Carolinas AGC. He also recently spoke at AGC Georgia's Supervisory Training Program in Dublin, Georgia.

Phil has been ranked as a "Georgia Super Lawyer" by the publications *Law & Politics* and *Atlanta Magazine* each year of the ranking's existence. He is also listed annually by Chambers USA in its listing of "America's Leading Lawyers for Business" and in the publications *The Best Lawyers in America* and *The International Who's Who of Construction Lawyers*. He has received Martindale Hubbell's highest peer rating for both legal ability and ethical standards (the AV Preeminent Rating) for 35 consecutive years.

Phil is happily married to the love of his life, Debbie Alexander Beck. Between them, Phil and Debbie have three wonderful children (Phil's daughter Allison Beck Dean, and Debbie's children, Angela Lauren Burton and Alex Pound), two terrific sons-in-law (Dustin Dean and Zack Burton), and one adorable grandchild, Ivy Jean Burton. Tragically, Phil's son, Andrew Eller Beck, a graduate of the University of Alabama, where he played lacrosse and received a degree in Mechanical Engineering, passed away in 2015, at the age of 28. He is fondly and proudly remembered and lives on in spirit and as a constant inspiration to Phil to be the best person he can be.

Phil is a sports enthusiast, and an avid University of Tennessee and Atlanta Braves fan. When not working, Phil also enjoys playing golf in his standing Sunday afternoon foursome at Capital City Club, and with his AGC friends at AGC events. Phil and Debbie also enjoy spending weekends at their mountain cabin in Big Canoe, as well as spending time with family. Phil's career-long association with AGC and his many friends and clients whom he has come to know through AGC have greatly enriched his life and his personal and professional development, making him grateful beyond words for the SIR Award he will receive.

AGC Georgia proudly recognizes the professional achievements of Mr. Beck. Together with the 2016-2017 AGC Georgia President, Randy Hall, we are honored to present Mr. Beck with a SIR Award bearing his name.