

Biography:

KAREN RIPPEON

MANAGING DIRECTOR



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Karen is a construction industry professional with over 21 years of experience across a broad range of market segments. She has extensive project risk management experience utilizing industry best practices for all phases of construction. Her participation on the executive leadership team of a national general contractor, combined with experience as an owner's representative for a global firm, have provided a well-rounded vantage point from which to lend expertise to the areas of construction advisory services, litigation support and dispute resolution.

Beginning her career as a construction estimator, she rapidly progressed through the ranks, running projects from the field and ultimately serving as a Preconstruction Executive and a Project Executive at Gilbane, one of the top 25 contractors in the country. During her time working for some of the nation's largest general contractors, Karen served as the boots on the ground Project Manager on projects valued in excess of \$50M. Karen's remarkable passion and dedication to successfully completing her projects, regardless of their level complexity or unforeseen challenges made her a sought after project manager and provided her opportunities to work with Clark Construction, Beers/Skanska and Manhattan.

A partial listing of projects that benefitted from Karen's expertise includes the Gannett/USA Today Headquarters (\$200M), the Walton High School Replacement (\$49M), the Georgia Tech Carbon Neutral Energy Solutions Laboratory (\$24M), and the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Addition/Renovation (\$30M). To round out her experience, she also spent 3 years as an owner's representative for a global firm where she put her construction management best practices to use from an owner's perspective.

Through the years, having served in every role throughout the construction life cycle, Karen was fortunate to have been able to develop in-depth skills in:

- CPM scheduling
- Forensic scheduling analysis
- Change order and claim preparation
- Troubled project turnaround
- Project controls and budget administration
- Construction means and methods
- Project planning, phasing and site logistics
- Estimating
- Bidding and tendering, purchasing, scope development
- Contracts evaluation, negotiation and compliance

Karen has provided these services across many sectors of the construction industry including education, healthcare, pharmaceutical, manufacturing, multi-family, commercial buildings, industrial, and civil/infrastructure for both public and private clients.

Karen holds a Civil Engineering degree from Georgia Tech and has earned LEED Accreditation from the US Green Building Council.