



John James Rusk

New York, New York



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Primary Areas of Expertise

High End Residential Construct
Commercial Construction
Multi-family construction
high rise construction
Solar power construction
sub-surface construction

Current Employer-Title Rusk Renovations Inc. - President
Constructive Decisions, Inc. - President
ProSentry, Inc.- President

Profession Construction Professional - Construction Company Owner, General Contractor, Advisor to Subcontractors, Construction Consultant; Author - Construction Issues; Arbitrator, Mediator

Work History President, Rusk Renovations Inc., 1985-Present; Adjunct Professor in Construction Administration, Columbia University, 2007-2022, President ProSentry Inc. 2019-Present a risk mitigation as a platform technology company, President Constructive Decisions Inc. 2006-Present

Construction Industry Experience Construction professional with over 40 year's experience as a contractor, owner's representative and construction manager. An expert in the day to day realities of construction projects with a willingness and depth of dispute resolution experience to work with attorneys to intelligently streamline the process specifically for each case. Experience with high-end residential apartments, both traditional and modern; historic properties; dialysis facilities; high-end retail establishments; medical facilities; brownstones, wood houses, and "country houses"; fire and flood damage; imaging centers with MRI, cat scan, and x-ray; and commercial properties. Specific subject knowledge of demolition, foundation, shoring and structural steel and timber, concrete work, masonry, roofing, framing, gypsum wall board, plastering, decorative plaster, molding, custom cabinetry, stock cabinetry, kitchens, baths, drop ceilings,

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lighting, plumbing, electrical, stone and tile work, custom furniture, upholstery, glass work, stainless steel work, lighting fixtures and other design elements, air filtration, water filtration, circadian lighting, Wellness. Winner of the Lucy G. Moses award from the New York Landmarks Conservancy for Outstanding Contributions Made in the Field of Architectural and Historic Preservation. Stanford White Award Institute of Classical Art and Architecture. Proficient in use of Zoom for virtual hearings.

Experience

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Alternative Dispute Resolution Experience

Involved in over 300 Construction arbitrations and mediations. Arbitrator for American Arbitration Association since 1993. Mediator since 1993. Specific dispute resolution experience as sole arbitrator, chairman of the panel and panel member with pay request, time, change order, project accounting, contract, workmanship, interior design, and decorating disputes. Other disputes include those among owners, general contractors, designers, subcontractors, and architects. Cases range from less than \$20,000 to over \$20 million. AAA Faculty, ACE004 - Practical Tips for Dealing with Delay Tactics of Parties and Advocates, 2005. Certified Mediator, International Mediation Institute.

Awards and Honors

USA Property Awards 2024-25, 2021-2022, 2019, 2019 Stanford White Award Institute of Classical Art and Architecture, 2013, 2017, 2025 Crain's Best

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Places to Work NYC, Big 50 Award from Remodeling Magazine, 2009; Top Contractor List, New York Construction News 2009; Winner of the Lucy G. Moses award for Outstanding Contributions Made in the Field of Architectural and Historic Preservation, New York Landmarks Conservancy, 2000.

Technology Proficiency	Excellent in the use of AI, Excel, Zoom, Teams, ProCore. Substantial understanding of security and technology in general.
Education	Carnegie Mellon University (B, Fine Arts-1984).
Professional Licenses	Home Improvement Contractor, New York City, 1990-Present.
Professional Associations	Painting and Decorative Contractors of America; Better Business Bureau; Remodeler's Advantage; Conseil International du Batiment pour la Recherche (L'Etude et al Documentation); International Mediation Institute (IMI) Certified Mediator, Luxury Property Forum, Design Leadership Network, Ultra High Net Worth Institute, Trusted Advisors
Recent Publications & Speaking Engagements	Moderator: Light and the Living Collection: Designing for Art, Sculpture, and Space” at the Institute of Classical Art and Architecture January 2026 Panelist: I Thought That Was Your Job: The Shifting Roles of Architects, Attorneys, Construction managers & Owner’s Representatives Sponsored by Rusk Renovations at the AIA Brooklyn February 2026 Moderator: Nuts and Bolts of New York II: Working in New York for Designers Sponsored by Rusk Renovations at the Royal Automobile Club, London February 2026 Lecturer: Master Class DLN Risk Mitigation and Conflict Resolution in Design Practice webinar & White Paper January 2026 Panelist: Guardianship of Wealth: A New Era of Security & Risk Mitigation Panelist, sponsored by TPS and Planeta Design Boston Oct. 2025 Lecturer: Calming the Concerned Townhouse Client September 2025 for Douglas Elliman Lydia Sussek Team Lecturer Masterclass: The Nuts and Bolts of Working In New York City, Luxury Property Forum November 2025 Panelist: Illuminating the Evolving Kitchen Landscape” at the Hafele NY Showroom. November 2024 Lecturer: Best Practices for Family Offices Managing Renovations in NYC and its Environs for the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants, Family Office Group July 2024 "The Benefits of Alternative Dispute Resolution for Resolving Construction

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Disputes," Rusk Breakell & Eckman, White Paper for New York Dispute Resolution Lawyer, Summer 2011;
Faculty, AAA Spring Construction Conference, Mediation: It's Not New, So What's Next?, 2011,
Over 10 presentations of Managing Risk for Architects and their Clients, Contractors and Subcontractors since 2006;
Co-presenter, "Breaking the Impasse, Moving from Stalemate to Settlement in Mediation," American Arbitration Association, October 2004;
speaker, "Ethics in Alternative Dispute Resolution," American Arbitration Association, 2002;
ON TIME AND ON BUDGET, A HOME RENOVATION SURVIVAL GUIDE (How to make allies of your architect and contractor), Doubleday, June 1996;
articles on causes of construction inefficiencies and appearances on the Today Show, Good Day New York, WALL STREET JOURNAL, NEWSWEEK, ELLE DECOR, LADIES HOME JOURNAL; columnist Taconic Newspaper chain.

Citizenship

United States of America

Languages

English

Compensation

Hearing:	\$700.00/Hr
Study:	\$700.00/Hr
Cancellation Period:	0 Days
Comment:	.

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