

Mr. Ronald W. Meler
Owner
R. W. Meler Consulting

General Overview

Mr. Ron Meler has been in the construction industry since 1975. He has held management positions for general contractors and private developers in the Southern California area for over twenty-six years. He served as Vice President of Operations for an office averaging annual revenues in excess of 180 million dollars in commercial construction. As Vice President of Operations he was directly responsible for the operations staff and the structural concrete division. The offices operations department at times exceeded 120 employees.

In October 2006 Ron opened RW Meler Consulting, providing consulting services in construction operations, training and dispute resolution. Clients include owners, general contractors and subcontractors. His services include owner representation, construction operations planning and scheduling, project realignment, project team guidance and construction dispute resolution.

He has worked his way through the ranks and held the position of laborer, carpenter, carpenter foreman, project engineer, superintendent, estimator, project manager, senior project manager, project director and operations manager.

Ron has extensive experience in training workshops for the development of employees in the construction industry. He trains and teaches courses in construction ethics, law, contracts, project preplanning and scheduling, estimating, job cost control, customer relations and closeout. His familiarity with current software packages and strong knowledge of construction operation processes is invaluable.

He has personally managed over 70 commercial construction projects. The projects have been diverse, with noted projects such as the Del Mar Grandstand, Sharp Chula Vista Hospital, Sharp Grossmont Hospital, Sea World Journey to Atlantis, Remington Retirement Club and Skilled Nursing Facility, lab projects for both Diversa and Cancervax and twenty-five commercial office buildings and tenant improvements.

Ron holds a Journeyman Certificate from the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, a Certificate in Construction Practices from SDSU and an active State of California General Building Contractors License.

He is currently teaching Construction Ethics, Law and Contracts at San Diego State University. He is often a guest lecturer for the Construction Management Department at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and the Certificate Management Programs at the Associated General Contractors of America in San Diego.

Because of Ron's knowledge and understanding of the industry and construction processes, it allows him to speak from the position of experience.

Current Clients

General Contractors

- Pacific Building Group
- Reno Contracting
- Sundt Construction
- Starrett Construction Incorporated

Specialty Contractors

- Whillock Contracting, Inc.
- Bergelectric Corporation
- Rossin Steel
- Windco Painting

Owners and Construction Managers

- American Assets, Inc.
- Burroughs & Chapin
- Northwest Development
- Silver Gate Yacht Club
- DB Armstrong

Attorneys

- Mckenna and Long

Other

- San Diego State University
- Associated General Contractors of America

Education, Licenses and Training Certificates

- Associate of Science Degree, Grossmont Community College, 1974
- Journeyman Certificate, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, 1979
- Certificate in Construction Practices, San Diego State University, 1983
- B-1 General Contractors License, State of California issued 1984
- Certificate of Recognition in Effective Speaking and Human Relations, Dale Carnegie Institute , 1989
- Dispute Resolution Board Foundation Training Courses, 2008
- CDRS Training Courses in Mediation, Arbitration and Dispute Resolution Panels, 2008

Recent Construction Dispute Experience - Role

- County of Skilled Nursing Facility - Contractor Representative to DRB
- Londen Residence – Mediator - settled defective work dispute
- El Cortez Hotel - Contractor Representative in Mediation
- Grossmont Hospital – Contractor and Owner Representative in Mediation
- Buie Office Building – Contractor Representative settled defective work dispute

- Westridge Office Building - Contractor Representative settled defective work dispute

Professional Associations - Involvement

- Associated Builders and Contractors of America, Member Charity Committee
- Associated General Contractors of America, San Diego Chapter – Member Technology and Education Committees
- East County Posse Philanthropic Organization – Board Member, Past President
- San Diego State University – Faculty Member
- Dispute Resolution Board Foundation – Member
- Construction Dispute Resolution Services – Member

Employment History

- Centex Golden Construction – 1978 to 1982, 1990 to 1995
- Koll Construction – 1983 to 1988
- Mckellar Development – 1988 to 1990
- Sundt Construction – 1995 to 2000, 2003 to 2006
- Reno Contracting – 2000 to 2003