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Mr. Tasker brings more than 40 years of experience to his work as a construction consultant. The son of a General Contractor and Developer, he has been actively involved in construction evaluations and consulting throughout his career. He has been President and Owner of Sage Associates, Inc. since 1984.

Mr Tasker holds a B.A. in Landscape Architecture/Land Planning from the State University of New York, a B.S. in Environmental Science from Syracuse University, and an MBA which he completed in 1978 from Florida Atlantic University. While working in New York in the late 1970's, Mr. Tasker provided evaluation and consulting services on troubled construction projects.

After moving to Colorado in the earlier 1980's he worked for a development firm and in 1982 incorporated, Earthworks, Inc. which provided Land Planning, Entitlement and Permitting Services, Development Consultation, and Landscape Architecture services. Earthworks received several Best of the West awards for Development Master Planning and Land Planning/Landscape Architecture.

While in Colorado, Mr. Tasker taught several courses at the University of Colorado, Graduate School of Design and Planning in Denver, and in the undergraduate program in Boulder.

Mr. Tasker incorporated the firm now known as Sage Associates, Inc.¹ in Denver in 1984 and expanded to a second office in Southern California in 1986. He relocated to California in 1991.

Mr. Tasker is personally active in all aspects of Sage's work including Procurement and Selection of Project Delivery Methods, Forensic Schedule Analysis, Job Cost Accounting, Contractor Financial Evaluations, Funds Disbursement, Calculation of Construction Damages and Labor Efficiencies, etc.

Sage has a diverse client list and over many years we are proud that almost all of our work comes from repeat customers and referrals. Clients include Sureties, Public and Private Owners, Contractors, Subcontractors, Property and Casualty Insurers, Banks and Non-traditional Lenders, Architecture/Engineering firms and their Errors and Omissions insurers. Mr. Tasker is experienced in a broad spectrum of construction project types and in diverse locations, including, but not limited to, schools and universities, water and wastewater treatment plants, highways, roads and bridges, wet and dry utilities including large diameter piping, many types of residential and commercial development, aviation, power generation including fossil fuel, solar and wind energy, canal and irrigation, telecommunications, etc. In the immediate aftermath of the 1984 Northridge earthquake, at

the request of several large Property/Casualty Insurance Companies, he assembled and managed a team that evaluated and generated damage reports, repair recommendations, and cost to complete calculations on over 2,000 properties in Southern California. On behalf of Surety Companies he has personally investigated and assisted in the resolution of several hundred Surety Performance Bond claims in more 38 states. The total value of project procurement exceeds \$1 Billion.

Mr. Tasker has qualified and testified on numerous occasions in both Federal and State Court matters in California, Arizona, Utah, Colorado, and New Jersey. He has also been actively involved in Professional Associations including the ABA Construction Forum and Surety and Fidelity sections, Surety Claims Institute, National Bond Claims Association, and the Pearlman Association. Mr. Tasker is a frequent speaker at professional meetings.

In response to a growing need for fast and highly cost-effective means of resolving certain Performance Bond challenges, Mr. Tasker acquired majority ownership of a California "A" licensed General Contracting firm, S&W Investments in early 2008 and acts as S&W President and majority shareholder. The firm has completed more than \$50 million in construction since that time.

Mr. Tasker also acts as a construction mediator and third party neutral (TPN). He focuses on a niche market, low cost resolution of early stage, smaller dollar disputes where traditional litigation options are financially disproportional.

¹ The firm initially opened as Forcon International Denver Limited, LLC in 1984 and Forcon International California Limited, LLC in 1986, and was operated respectively as Sage Construction Consulting, Inc. and Sage Associates, Inc. dba Sage Construction Consulting from 1996 to 2002. The Denver Corporation was sold in 2002. The firm has operated as Sage Associates, Inc. since 2002.