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Thomas Trapnell represents developers, general contractors, and subcontractors in both transactional matters and dispute resolution.

His litigation experience includes representing owners, contractors, and subcontractors on both the plaintiff and defense sides in matters involving bridge rehabilitation, highway and arena construction, sewer interceptor repair, and allegations of defective design.

Mr. Trapnell has had a varied career both in private practice and as in-house counsel. Before joining Bodman in 2026, he practiced with an Atlanta-based construction law firm. He also previously served as general counsel to a heavy civil contractor headquartered in Detroit, where he negotiated contracts, change orders, and claims for projects including multi-unit residential buildings, industrial facilities, and the Gordie Howe International Bridge. Drawing on his experience from both private practice and in-house roles, Mr. Trapnell brings a well-rounded perspective that provides significant value to his clients.

Mr. Trapnell is fluent in Russian.

Honors, Awards, and Recognitions

- *DBusiness* Magazine "Top Lawyers" 2027, Construction Law

Professional Affiliations

- Atlanta Bar Association
- American Bar Association

practices & industries

Construction

Real Estate

Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution

education

University of Michigan Law School, J.D., *cum laude*

Princeton University, B.A., *cum laude*

admissions

Georgia

Michigan

New York

court admissions

U.S. Ct. of Appeals, 6th Cir.

U.S. District Ct., N.D. Ga.

U.S. District Ct., E.D. Mich.