

Jeff Brannen named chief legal counsel for Charter Builders and SpawMaxwell

(Dallas, TX – February 7, 2011) Balfour Beatty Construction has appointed Jeff Brannen senior vice president and chief legal counsel for two of its Texas divisions, Charter Builders and SpawMaxwell. In this role, Brannen will support the divisions' legal needs, including those related to construction contracts, claims, and negotiations.

"I'm thrilled that Jeff has joined our legal team," said Glenn Burns, chief legal officer for Balfour Beatty Construction. "Not only does he possess significant legal expertise, but also he is passionate about safety, ethics, and community service, which makes him a great fit for our culture."

Brannen has more than 17 years of experience working for law firms specializing in the construction industry. During his career, he has negotiated and closed more than \$1 billion in construction contracts and has successfully prosecuted claims on behalf of owners, general contractors, and subcontractors in areas of contract disputes.

Before joining Balfour Beatty Construction, Brannen held positions at Canterbury, Elder, Gooch, Surratt, Shapiro, and Stein and for McGuire, Craddock, and Strother. He received both his law degree and his undergraduate degree from Baylor University and is a member of the State Bar of Texas. Brannen was the founding chairman of the Young Lawyers Committee of the Construction Law Section of the State Bar of Texas and is vice-chairman of the Construction Law Section of the Dallas Bar Association.

Brannen has been a frequent speaker on construction law and has written legal articles for various newsletters and journals, including *Infrastructure*, *Texas Construction Law Journal*, and the Dallas Bar Association's *Headnotes*.

Committed to his community, Brannen served, pro bono, for fifteen years as outside general counsel to PediPlace, Inc., a non-profit pediatric clinic, has since joined their board of directors, and is currently serving as its vice president. He also assisted The Teen Center, Inc., a drug-free and alcohol-free environment for teens, as its pro bono outside general counsel.

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About Balfour Beatty Construction

A leader in the U.S. commercial construction industry, Balfour Beatty Construction provides general contracting, at-risk construction management, and design-build services through 2,100 professionals nationwide. For the past two years, the company has been cited as a Top 10 Green Builder by *Engineering-News Record* and as one of the 100 Best Companies to Work For® by *FORTUNE* magazine. The company is part of London-based Balfour Beatty plc, a global leader in professional services, construction services, support services, and infrastructure investment, with more than \$18 billion in annual revenues. To learn more about the company and its subsidiaries—Barnhart Balfour Beatty, Charter Builders, and SpawMaxwell—visit balfourbeattyus.com.

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