

# AAA Revises Construction Industry Arbitration Rules and Mediation Procedures

Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman has posted an article about the American Arbitration Association's revised Construction Industry Arbitration Rules and Mediation Procedures which became effective July 1, 2015.

George Haley, John Heisse, Clark Thiel and Robert Thum write that, although some changes are relatively modest, others expand the powers of the arbitrator and may alter traditional assumptions underlying the selection of arbitration as a dispute resolution process for construction projects.

"For example, the Rules now provide a procedure for emergency relief that may result in more mid-project disputes being taken to arbitration or court, as the new *Rule R-39* provides a party can seek emergency relief from either the AAA or a court, without violating the agreement to arbitrate," they write.

**Read the article.**