

## CONSTRUCTION LAW

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### Bob A. Dunn and John C. Black, *Attorneys at Law*

As partners for fourteen years – and friends for more than 20 – Bob Dunn and John Black have established a successful and unique law firm. When they founded their small firm, it was just the two of them and one other attorney. “We didn’t think we’d get bigger than three, but we want to give our clients the personal service they deserve,” says Bob Dunn, who splits his time between construction and commercial litigation. Dunn & Black has now grown to include a total of ten lawyers, which is still small by metropolitan standards.

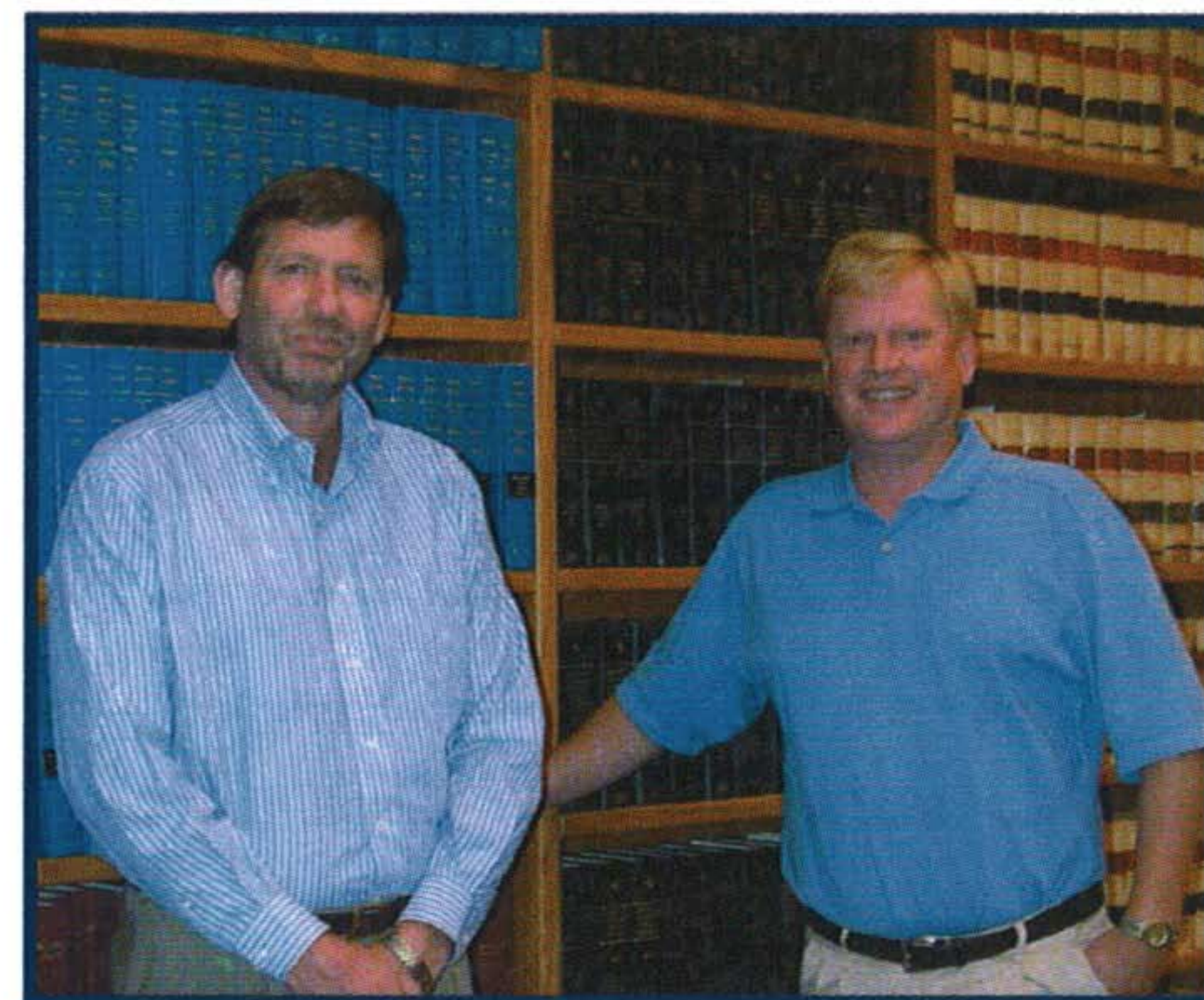
John Black, who focuses exclusively on construction law and was born and raised in Spokane, says “I usually represent large businesses – mostly construction and developers, and Bob represents the little guy.” Black is the general counsel for a number of local construction companies, general contractors and large sub-contractors.

Their firm fulfills an important niche

in the growing metropolis of Spokane by focusing on construction law and litigation. “From day one, that was the definition of our firm,” Black says. In addition, they are specialists in employment and labor disputes, government procurement, business disputes and civil litigation at the local, state and federal levels. They have represented a number of notable cases in Spokane and were busy this summer winning \$12 million in judgments and verdicts during a 60 day period.

As the founding partners, they like to have hands-on involvement or supervise every case in their firm. “It’s important for us to act as mentors for the younger lawyers, to ensure our clients get what they need,” says Dunn. “We pride ourselves in our good reputation among lawyers and the judges in this community.” Their caseload also takes them throughout the Western U.S., where they battle some of the largest law firms in the country.

In addition to their success as outgoing



and aggressive attorneys, there is another special key. “We have really understanding spouses,” says Dunn, who is also a sporting clays champion. And Black stays involved with his children and their sporting events.

“We’re not the typical law firm because of the focused work we do,” says Black, which makes them like a “boutique firm,” not a big-box one, who provides specialized services for Spokane.

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