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Construction Law

Our attorneys assist clients through all phases of construction projects, including development of initial contract documents, contract negotiations, project financing, and in the performance and management of projects. We represent public and private owners and developers, general contractors, subcontractors, construction managers, equipment suppliers, architects/engineers and other design professionals. We provide a full range of cost effective legal services to our construction industry clients. We welcome appeals referred by members of the profession. We are available to provide advice and consultation in on-going appeals, or to perfect or defend an appeal from the outset.

Contract Phase

- We draft and negotiate contracts to assure proper allocation of risk, responsibility and rewards.
- We develop contract forms for any project or task.
- We advise project team members in forming and managing contractual relationships.

Construction Claims and Litigation

- We defend against claims and prosecute lawsuits arising from all aspects of construction projects including termination disputes, delay damages, payment disputes, insurance coverage and allegations of defective design or construction.
- We represent clients in mediations and arbitrations and work with clients to resolve disputes in an efficient manner.
- When litigation arises, we use our extensive trial experience to aggressively litigate complex construction claims through trial and appeal.

Government Contracts

- We represent and assist clients in connection with government contract work.

Termination and Default

- We assist clients in working through terminations for cause and convenience, where payment and default damages are at issue.
- We recommend strategies for handling terminations, negotiating no-cost terminations, and navigating proper terminations for convenience.

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Design Professionals

- We represent architects, engineers and other design professionals on contractual issues and in litigation where claims of lack of oversight or design deficiencies are at issue.
- We defend and prosecute claims in litigation and arbitration by or against design professionals and by or against professional liability insurance carriers.

Labor and Employment

The attorneys in our Employment Law Practice Group represent construction industry clients in connection with the full range of employment and labor law issues encountered by the industry.

Environmental Construction Risks

- In conjunction with our Environmental Practice Group, we advise our clients as to environmental risks presented during construction projects, including NYSDEC regulations governing construction and demolition debris and hazardous materials, and the associated manifesting, permitting and landfill regulations and liabilities.
- We represent environmental engineers, contractors, owners and insurance carriers in drafting site remedial contracts, in overseeing remedial investigations and actions, and in minimizing environmental issues in construction projects.

Green/Sustainable Design and Construction

- We counsel clients on the current LEEDS alternatives available to address sustainable/green building design and construction, as well as keeping them updated on recent and emerging regulations in this important new area.

Property Damage Claims

- We regularly represent owners, contractors and design professionals in claims for property damage arising during construction and after completion.
- We assist clients in navigating complex insurance coverage issues in connection with construction defect claims and may also act as assigned counsel to clients' insurers when insured claims arise.