CONSTRUCTION

Industry Knowledge and Experience

We know construction. For decades, we have worked with clients on all aspects of the construction process, helping to get the job done. Business owners, developers, architects and engineers, construction managers and contractors, specialty contractors, insurers, and others in the construction industry face opportunities and risks every day. Each project, from funding and design, to bidding and contract negotiation, and even after completion, requires legal experience specific to the construction industry.

Our Construction Industry Group has a broad range of construction experience across commercial, industrial, and residential sectors. We counsel clients on the wide variety of issues that arise in both public and private construction projects. Our attorneys represent architects, owners, contractors, and subcontractors (among others) in negotiating contracts and resolving disputes, as well as guiding them through the maze of issues affecting any construction project, such as design and copyright matters, public bidding, project delivery methods, payment terms, mechanic's liens, construction management, and delay claims.

We are active members ofABC Keystoneand theBuilding Industry Association of Lancaster Countyas well as other local industry groups and organizations.

Project Permitting Matters

Every successful construction project begins with a solid foundation and that includes obtaining the proper permits and approvals. Our attorneys guide clients through the full range of project permitting matters, from zoning and land development approvals to compliance with environmental and regulatory requirements. We work closely with municipalities and state agencies to help clients navigate complex permitting processes efficiently and avoid costly delays. We are well-versed in handling Uniform Construction Code (UCC) and historic architectural review board (HARB) matters, as well as representing clients at the municipal level in applications for zoning relief, enforcement issues, and appeals. Whether you are seeking approval for a new development, expansion or renovation, we help ensure your project meets all legal and environmental standards from the start. Learn more about our Land Use practicehere.

Construction Contracts

Strong contracts are essential to protecting your interests and minimizing risk. We assist clients in drafting, reviewing, and negotiating all types of construction contracts, including AIA, ConsensusDocs, EJCDC forms, subcontractor agreements, and design and consulting contracts.We also regularly perform audits of clients' existing contract templates and purchase order forms. Our attorneys understand the nuances of construction language and industry standards, ensuring that your agreements are clear, enforceable, and aligned with your project goals. We also handle the negotiation of architect agreements and address related issues such as design ownership and plan copyrights. By emphasizing practical solutions and clear

communication, we help clients establish a solid contractual foundation for their projects.

Unique Challenges During the Construction Process

Even the best-planned projects can encounter challenges once construction begins. Our team is experienced in resolving bid disputes, insurance and bonding issues, change orders, and mechanics' lien claims that can threaten progress or profitability. We take a proactive approach to problem-solving, helping clients assess risks early and respond quickly to disputes or disruptions. Whether addressing payment disputes, performance concerns or compliance issues, we provide the legal insight and industry understanding necessary to keep your project on track.

Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution

When disputes escalate, our attorneys are ready to protect your interests through litigation or alternative dispute resolution. We represent clients in all types of construction-related conflicts from delay damage claims to defective work claims and more. Learn more about our Construction Litigation services here. Our team has significant experience handling arbitration and mediation, providing efficient and cost-effective ways to resolve conflicts outside the courtroom. If litigation becomes necessary, we draw on our deep industry knowledge to build strong, persuasive cases and pursue favorable outcomes for our clients.

Partner with us to navigate the complexities of construction law and keep your projects moving forward.

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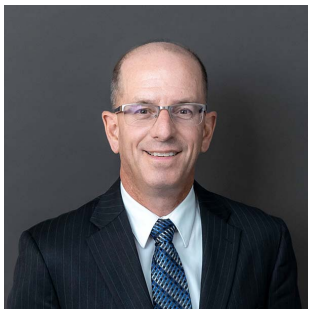

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