

Construction

In any given case, our construction lawyers may be representing the owner or the general contractor, a subcontractor or a surety, a designer or a construction manager or a supplier of materials or equipment. Because these lawyers are construction litigators, they bring to the task of contract negotiation and in-project counseling a perspective that non-litigators may lack.

Among the many types of matters our construction lawyers litigate, arbitrate and/or mediate are:

- Those relating to the bidding process primarily on public projects, including bid protest and bid mistake matters
- Performance and payment bond claims and matters concerning the assertion of mechanics lien rights
- Recording mechanic's liens and substituting lien bonds for liens
- Mechanic's lien foreclosures and other litigation regarding payment
- Contract termination matters
- Changed conditions disputes
- Issues relating to changes in the work and change orders
- Claims for delay and acceleration
- Matters concerning construction and/or design defects

Our construction lawyers also assist clients with contract negotiation and partner with lawyers from other practices of the firm to provide services our construction industry clients need, including labor relations services, bankruptcy advice and representation and insurance coverage claims prosecution.

Experience

Won a seven-figure award for a contractor in arbitration on a changed conditions claim, notwithstanding the presence of "unclassified site" language in the bidding documents

Successfully extracted a contractor from a seven-figure bid mistake

Successfully represented the owner in connection with numerous claims relating to the construction of a major New Haven office tower

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Successfully defended a delay claim against a subcontractor on a major hospital construction project

Won summary judgment for a surety on a first impression statute of limitations issues and preserved the judgment on appeal to the Second Circuit

Obtained dismissal of lawsuit against architect in a roof collapse case where the plaintiff sought to make the architect liable on a strict tort theory

Won a three-week trial for a Connecticut municipality in the Superior Court Complex Litigation Docket, defeating a trade contractor's seven-figure delay claim