



October 2014

R+C Out and About

Team members of Robinson+Cole's Construction Group have been out and about speaking on topics such as surety takeover, managing legal exposure, and Building Information Modeling (BIM). We hope to see you at one of our upcoming presentations.



OCTOBER 8-10, 2014
National Bond Claims Association Annual Meeting

Dennis C. Cavanaugh will present at the National Bond Claims Association Annual Meeting (NBCA) in Half Moon Bay, California. The presentation will address a public owner's liability for delaying and interfering with the bonded contractor's work and the rights of an obligee to shift the risk of such interference and delays to the contractor. His presentation will also review the impact of a surety takeover on the contractor's affirmative claims.

APRIL 10, 2014
When to Call the Surety: 411 or 911

Mr. Cavanaugh presented "[When to Call the Surety: 411 or 911](#)" in New Orleans, Louisiana, for the American Bar Association's Annual Meeting of the Forum on the Construction Industry. The session addressed the interplay between protecting the rights and remedies of the obligee, principal, and surety during an ongoing project, including overpayment, equitable subrogation, and interference with the contractor's work. Mr. Cavanaugh presented alongside Shannon Briglia of BrigliaMcLaughlin, PLLC.



OCTOBER 8-10, 2014
Higher Education Real Estate Lawyers

Gregory R. Faulkner and Martin A. Onorato will be attending the 12th Annual Higher Education Real Estate Lawyers (HEREL) Conference at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The HEREL programs feature presentations by leading outside lawyers as well as experienced in-house counsel. Robinson+Cole will co-sponsor the HEREL conference dinner on Wednesday, October 8.

JULY 30, 2014

Education Law: When to Call Outside Counsel

Mr. Faulkner co-presented "Education Law: When to Call Outside Counsel" to a class of University of Hartford doctoral students. Mr. Faulkner presented alongside Robinson+Cole lawyers Edward J. Heath, Nicole H. Najam, and Kathleen E. Dion. The session provided an overview of higher education law, including hot topics and possible pitfalls.

JUNE 22-25, 2014

National Association of College and University Attorneys

Mr. Faulkner co-hosted a dinner during the 2014 National Association of College and University Attorneys (NACUA) Annual Conference in Denver, Colorado. The conference featured more than 200 moderators, speakers, and discussion leaders as well as 95 sessions and events.

APRIL 22, 2014

Management of Legal Exposure

Mr. Faulkner presented the workshop "Management of Legal Exposure" at the Construction Institute (CI) in Hartford, Connecticut. Joining him in this encore presentation from December 2013 was Roy Cooper, P.E., of ARCADIS. Mr. Faulkner and Mr. Cooper discussed a comprehensive list of potential legal issues that can result from missteps of project participants.



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SEPTEMBER 11, 2014

Liability in Sustainable Construction

Martin A. Onorato presented "Liability in Sustainable Construction" to a diverse group of U.S. and European professionals from ARCADIS's Program and Construction Management team, Water and Environmental Divisions. The presentation addressed contracting recommendations and provided a review of trending litigation on the subject of liability associated with sustainable design and construction.



OCTOBER 2, 2014
Using BIM to Enhance Value in College and University Design, Construction, and Facility Maintenance

Joseph A. Barra presented "Using BIM to Enhance Value in College and University Design, Construction, and Facility Maintenance" during a breakout session at the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in Massachusetts (AICUM) Fall Symposium. The event, titled "Emerging Challenges to Independent Higher Education," was held at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts.

SEPTEMBER 16, 2014
Overview of Resiliency and Massachusetts Implementation Plans

Mr. Barra served as a panelist at a September breakfast program sponsored by the New England Chapter of the Construction Management Association of America (CMAA). The program, titled "Overview of Resiliency and Massachusetts Implementation Plans," was moderated by Joseph Barr of Parsons Brinckerhoff. Co-panelists included Dana Swenson, senior vice president of Facilities for UMass Memorial Health Care, and Robbin Peach, program manager for Resiliency Massport.



JULY 31, 2014
Professional Women in Construction

Elizabeth K. Wright was named to the Board of Directors of the Professional Women in Construction (PWC), Connecticut Chapter. PWC has more than 600 members and reaches a constituency of more than 8,000 people. Its programs present the very latest in current industry topics and provide exceptional networking and business development opportunities for PWC members and guests.



MAY 22, 2014
Connecticut Surety Association's Spring Meeting

Peter E. Strniste Jr., presented to a group of 40 construction professionals at the Connecticut Surety Association's Spring Meeting in Hartford, Connecticut. Mr. Strniste dissected the language contained within various construction bond forms, including the popular American Institute of Architect's (AIA) A311 and A312 Performance Bonds, and several modified versions, and discussed the legal consequences of the original and modified verbiage and the associated risks.

At the same meeting, Mr. Strniste, along with Donald Shubert, president of the Connecticut Construction Industries Association, explored the Supreme Court's recent decision in *State of Connecticut v. Lombardo Bros. Mason Contractors, Inc.* This decision held that the statutes of limitations for asserting claims against construction contractors and professional designers do not apply to the State of Connecticut.

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