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Construction Group Out + About

Members of Robinson+Cole's Construction Group have spoken and published on various construction-related topics, been recognized in the community, and participated in high-profile industry group programs throughout the country. We hope to see you while we are "out and about."

Even when we're away from the office, we continue to follow developments and trends in all areas of construction law and to share our insights on those changes in our [Construction Law Zone](#) blog. If you haven't checked out the blog, we encourage you to do so and sign up to receive e-mails when new content is posted. We welcome your feedback and input on topics you'd like us to cover.



Construction Group Members Recognized

52 Robinson+Cole lawyers are listed in *The Best Lawyers in America 2019*. Receiving this recognition are several members of our Group, who were recognized in the areas of Construction Law and Construction Litigation



Construction Management Program in Boston, Massachusetts on June 26

On June 26, Joe Barra taught a program to students enrolled in [Wentworth Institute of Technology's Graduate CM Program](#) on the risks and rewards of the various types of procurement and project delivery methods available to owners and developers in Massachusetts. Joe was invited to speak as a guest speaker by the course instructor, Luciana Burdi, AIA.



Dennis Cavanaugh Receives Professional Re-appointment

Dennis Cavanaugh was re-appointed to the Board of Advisors of the Construction Institute. Click [here](#) to view the Leadership Team.

IMLA Construction Contracts Drafting Initiative in Houston, Texas on October 17-21

Dennis Cavanaugh will be speaking on a panel about the International Municipal Lawyers Association's (IMLA) Construction Contracts Drafting Initiative: Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) which, is a building delivery method which requires a commitment by a construction manager to deliver the project within a guaranteed maximum price. This delivery method is especially helpful for small municipalities facing complex projects and, if done properly, can be extremely effective. This year, IMLA's Construction Contract Drafting Initiative (CCDI) will provide IMLA members with a forum to engage in substantive discussions regarding effective terms and conditions in construction contracts for public projects utilizing CMAR. Members participated in monthly CCDI teleconferences as a part of this working group to discuss and draft comments and suggested edits to AIA model document A133-2009— construction manager at risk delivery method. The core drafting committee will present the final revisions and the resulting sample document will be available exclusively to IMLA members as an invaluable resource when drafting and negotiating construction contracts.



HEREL Conference at Rutgers on September 27 and 28

Greg Faulkner and Marty Onorato presented at the 2018 Higher Education Real Estate Lawyers (HEREL) Conference on September 27 and 28, at Rutgers University, in New Jersey. They were joined by Gavin Middleton, Chief Operating Officer of Lehrer, LLC. The presentation explored best practices, from both a legal and project management perspective, in mitigating losses and managing expectations yet preserving rights if construction projects go bad. When construction projects run into trouble, university owners often look to events that took place during the construction of the project to assess where things went wrong. Although certain factors during the course of construction might have led to the project ultimately failing, owners might fail to examine what went wrong before construction, or even before the design was under way. Selecting the right project delivery system, the right project team, and the right contract templates requires the same careful consideration as decisions made during the course of design or construction.



Construction SuperConference in Las Vegas, Nevada on December 10-12

Jonathan Hausner will serve as a panelist for the conference event titled, "Hot Topics for 2019 Construction Contracts: Design Scope, Schedule, Insurance, Indemnity, Dispute Resolution and Beyond." Additional information is available [here](#).



Real Estate Investment and Portfolio Management at UConn's Stamford Campus on October 4

On October 4, Marty Onorato was a guest lecturer to the MBA class studying real estate investment and portfolio management, in the School of Business at UConn's Stamford Campus. The lecture provided an overview of construction law issues and how they can impact key real estate evaluation and investment strategies.

AUREO Conference at University of Notre Dame in Indiana on September 24

Marty Onorato presented at the Association of University Real Estate Officials (AUREO) Conference, hosted by the University of Notre Dame in Indiana on September 23-26. His presentation, "Trends in Lease and Ground Lease Construction Obligations" focused on contracting trends and pitfalls in work letters governing the design and construction of real estate leased to or by colleges and universities, from alternate funding and delivery models to risk management techniques, which institutions are using to keep the lights on and stay competitive. The conference was hosted at the Morris Inn on the Notre Dame campus.



NASBP Road Show in Hartford, Connecticut on July 19

Todd Regan and Peter Strniste were among the speakers that presented during the National Association of Surety Bond Producers (NASBP) Road Show: Bonding with Bob program on July 19 at The Lyceum in Hartford, Connecticut. "Bonding with Bob" is a series of half-day educational and informational programs spotlighting NASBP benefits, programs, and hot topics in the surety industry. Additional information is available [here](#).



Commercial Construction & Renovation Summit in Biloxi, Mississippi on January 15-17

Peter Strniste and Jonathan Hausner are scheduled to co-present, "The Ten Most Negotiated Construction Contract Terms" at the 2019 [Commercial Construction & Renovation Summit](#) on January 15-17.



PWC Boston Chapter Summer Social in Boston, Massachusetts on August 23

Elizabeth Wright attended the Professional Women in Construction ([PWC](#)) Summer Social. PWC's mission is to connect, promote and advance women in the AEC industry. Robinson+Cole also served as the host for the event, offering the Boston office space for the gathering.

Use of Drones in Development and Real Estate Hosted by the Boston Bar Association on May 10

Elizabeth Wright presented at the Boston Bar Association's "Use of Drones in Development and Real Estate" program on May 10. The program focused on the regulatory framework for the use of drones in Massachusetts. It addressed some commercial uses for drones in the development context, as well as considerations when your project includes the use of drones, including contractual provision, and offer a look at where drone usage and regulation may be going.



Paul S. Lopez joins the Construction Group

We would like to take a moment to welcome [Paul Lopez](#) to our group. Mr. Lopez represents a range of clients, including public and private owners, general contractors, subcontractors, material suppliers, design professionals, and sureties. Prior to joining Robinson+Cole, Mr. Lopez worked as in-house counsel for a large specialty subcontractor based in New York City, where he gained experience in all aspects of construction, from procurement through project completion.

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