

## Construction Group Out + About

May 2023

Members of Robinson+Cole's Construction Group speak and are published on various construction-related topics, are recognized in the community, and participate 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 our [Construction Law Zone](#) blog. If you haven't checked out the blog, we encourage you to do so and to 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.

### New Hires

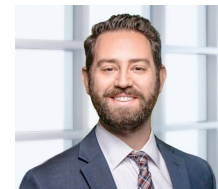
#### Welcome Jessica Rothman

We are pleased to welcome [Jessica Rothman](#) as a partner in our New York City office. Jessica is an accomplished construction attorney with 20+ years representing all types of stakeholders in a variety of construction projects. She is experienced in drafting and negotiating contracts, providing general counsel and project management services, risk management and dispute resolution counsel (mediation, arbitration and litigation). Read more about Jessica in the press release [here](#).



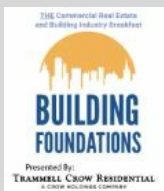
#### Welcome William Stoll

[William Stoll](#) joins our team as an associate in the Boston office. Will's experience includes representing clients in a variety of litigation matters. He has assisted on large document review projects, including both as a first-level reviewer for responsiveness and privilege and as part of the privilege logging team on multi-district litigation.



### Recent + Upcoming Events

#### United Way 3rd Annual Building Foundations Breakfast



Robinson+Cole was pleased to sponsor the Third Annual Building Foundations Breakfast, hosted by United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut, on May 4 at the Hartford Marriott Downtown. The breakfast raised resources to prevent children and families from becoming homeless and to secure stable housing for those living in shelters. This is a signature event for the commercial real estate and building industry. [Dennis Cavanaugh](#), [Greg Faulkner](#), and [Fred Hedberg](#) attended, along with Real Estate + Development Group members [Michele Maresca](#) and [Candace Cunningham](#). Learn more [here](#).

#### Nontraditional Employment for Women (NEW) Equity Leadership Awards Luncheon



Robinson+Cole is pleased to sponsor the upcoming NEW Equity Leadership Awards Luncheon at the New York City Midtown Hilton on May 18. NEW prepares, trains, and places women in careers in the skilled construction, utility, and maintenance trades, helping women achieve economic independence and a secure future for themselves and their families, while also providing a pipeline of qualified workers to the industries

that build, move, power, green, and maintain New York. NEW's upcoming Equity Leadership Awards Luncheon is their signature fundraising event and boasts more than 1,000 guests and raises more than \$1M in funding used to train the next generation of tradeswomen. Learn more [here](#).

## Honors + Awards

### Lisa Andrzejewski Elevated to Counsel and Featured in the *New York Real Estate Journal's* "Construction Women to Watch" Spotlight

[Lisa Andrzejewski](#) was elevated to counsel, effective January 1, 2023. She represents clients throughout the construction industry, including owners, contractors, subcontractors, design professionals, sureties, and MWBE/DBEs on complex construction matters through litigation, mediation, and arbitration.



Lisa was featured in the *New York Real Estate Journal's* (NYREJ) "2023 Women In Construction Spotlight," published on March 28. The Spotlight profiled more than 50 women professionals from across the construction industry. Read Lisa's feature [here](#).



### Bill Wilson Named a "Top Author" by *JD Supra*

*JD Supra's* 2023 Readers' Choice Awards have recognized several Robinson+Cole attorneys, including [Bill Wilson](#) as "Top Authors." Bill is a regular contributor to the firm's [Construction Law Zone](#) blog and received a "top" designation in the area of construction.



Bill was among those that were selected for their excellence from more than 70,000 professionals, whose 2022 published insights and commentary were read by C-suite executives, in-house counsel, media, and others across many industries highlighted on the JD Supra platform and who are interested in the defining topics impacting business today.

### Greg Faulkner, Re-elected to AGC-CT Board of Directors

[Greg Faulkner](#) has been re-elected to the board of directors of the Associated General Contractors of Connecticut (AGC-CT), an organization dedicated to providing leadership and services to its members and to the commercial construction industry.



### Robinson+Cole Named "Business of the Year" by the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern CT

[Fred Hedberg](#), [Marty Onorato](#), and paralegal Cathy Johnson were among the R+C team in attendance when Robinson+Cole was recognized as "Business of the Year" as part of the 2023 Chamber of Commerce of Eastern CT Annual Meeting & ECTy Celebration hosted at Foxwoods Resort Casino in Ledyard, CT on March 30, 2023. The honor is among eleven annual awards presented by the Chamber to honor excellence in community engagement, innovation, customer service, and business best practices.



## Publications

### Joe Barra Quoted in *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*

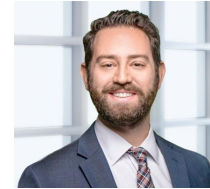
[Joe Barra](#) was quoted in a *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* article that addressed the Trial Court's determination that a contractor's notice of contract was inaccurate and "filed so willfully and intentionally as to warrant the rare remedy of dissolving it." At issue was the Court's finding that the lien met the standard for dismissal given that the proceeding was conducted pursuant to the Commonwealth's Summary Disposition Statute (G.L.c. 254, §15A). Joe is of the view that under the Supreme Judicial Court's



2004 decision in *Golden v. General Builders*, the Trial Court might have exceeded its authority in a Summary Discharge proceeding. Read more [here](#).

## Fred Hedberg and Will Stoll Author *High Profile* Article on False Claims Act

[Fred Hedberg](#) and [Will Stoll](#) authored the article "Will the Connecticut Legislature Ignore the Construction Industry and Expand the False Claims Act?" published in *High Profile* magazine on April 4, 2023. The article focuses on House Bill No. 6826, An Act Concerning Liability for False and Fraudulent Claims, which seeks to expand the scope of Connecticut's current False Claims Act by eliminating the limitation that it only applies to state-administered health and human services programs. Read the article [here](#).



## Presentations

### Joe Barra Presents Negotiating Subcontracts Workshop

[Joe Barra](#) presented "Negotiating Subcontracts Workshop," hosted by the Associated Subcontractors of Massachusetts (ASM) on March 1. The panel addressed what key subcontract provisions mean, how to negotiate acceptable changes, and how these provisions can impact the bottom line. Robinson+Cole was pleased to sponsor the program.



### Lisa Andrzejewski Presents Program at AAACE, Connecticut Section

[Lisa Andrzejewski](#) presented the AAACE (Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering) CT Section program "Recovery for Non-Payment and Damages in Construction Disputes" on February 21. The program offered an overview of the statutory provisions in Connecticut and New York that govern payment-related litigation disputes, as well as the common law interpretations of no damages for delay clauses, prompt pay provisions, mechanic's lien law, and pay-if-paid.



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