

Agenda

Iowa Engineering Law and Ethics Day I

Monday, June 22, 2020 | 11:00 am - 3:30 pm (including a 30-min. break)

Contract Law Primer for Engineers

M. Kaufmann

Reviewing the necessary elements of any contract
Understanding contract "legalese"

- Determining performance
- What constitutes a breach of contract?
- What are damages and remedies?
- Liability-shifting contract provisions: warranties, guarantees and indemnities

Making changes to contracts

Professional Liability Law

K. Caster

Reviewing the grounds for professional liability claims
Identifying who can bring a claim
Examining common sources of professional liability claims
Reviewing defenses to liability claims Determining damages
Participating in dispute resolution: arbitration, mediation, litigation
Obtaining Insurance coverage for professional liability claims

Engineering Business Law

C. Hendricks

Understanding forms of business organizations
• Corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, sole proprietorships
Complying with regulations governing engineering/design firms
Understanding tax issues for business organizations
Understanding employment law issues

Iowa Engineering Law and Ethics Day II

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Intellectual Property Essentials for Engineers:

A. Rastelli

Patents, Trademarks, Copyrights, and Trade Secrets

Securing ownership of your designs through patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets
Leveraging your intellectual capital through licenses, franchises, and other technology agreements
Policing intellectual property rights and preventing infringement
Resolving intellectual property disputes

Cyber Security Issues for Engineers

J. Lande

Cyber security threats and business exposure to data breaches
Anatomy of a data breach or cyber attack and the spectrum of possible responses
Coverage that is available under cyber Insurance policies
Examples of actual cyber events, with lessons learned from those events

Handling Ethical Issues in Professional Engineering Practice`

M. Becker

Promoting health and welfare vs. managing risk: complementary or conflicting duties?
Protecting the environment: meeting or exceeding legal requirements
Watching the bottom line: identifying and balancing economic pressures in design and construction
Integrating new technologies: identifying and balancing the benefits and risks

Complying with Rules of Professional Conduct

M. Becker

Sealing of documents Standards for responsible charge of engineering work
Unauthorized practice of engineering
National Society of Professional Engineers' Code of Ethics

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Learning Objectives

You'll be able to:

Understand the necessary elements of any contract and how to make changes.

Review the grounds for professional liability claims, including common sources, who can bring a claim, and reviewing defenses to claims.

Examine securing ownership of your designs through patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets, and more.

Discuss cyber security threats and business exposure to data breaches.

Understand how to comply with regulations governing engineering/design firms and tax issues for business organizations.

Analyze the National Society of Professional Engineers' Code of Ethics and how to handle ethical issues.



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Discuss contract law essentials for engineers

Review professional liability law for engineers

Examine intellectual property essentials for engineers

Analyze business laws that pertain to engineers

Understand cyber security issues for engineers

Discuss ethical issues and professional conduct for professional engineers

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Mr. Kaufmann is a litigation attorney with a general practice encompassing business and commercial litigation, construction and design, insurance defense, and labor and employment litigation. He has experience assisting clients with a variety of issues, including construction defect and mechanic’s lien litigation, trade secrets and business torts, contract disputes, federal civil rights litigation, and insurance coverage disputes. As a current member of the Construction Law Section Council of the Iowa State Bar Association, Mr. Kaufmann stays abreast of legal issues facing Iowa’s construction industry.

Kevin Caster *Attorney and Senior Vice President at Shuttleworth & Ingersoll*
Mr. Caster’s law practice focuses on commercial litigation, and particularly on construction litigation. Many construction suits involve both claims about professional negligence and claims about the breach of construction contracts. Mr. Caster has written and spoken extensively on many construction law issues, including construction contract law, AIA contracts, implied warranties in construction contracts, economic loss doctrine, the standard of care for design professionals, and construction accidents. He is the author of the Iowa chapter of *State-by-State Guide to Architect, Engineers and Contractor Licensing*, second edition. He is an allied individual member of the American Institute of Architects and a member of the Cedar Rapids Home Builders Association.

Colin Hendricks *Attorney at Brown Winick*
Mr. Hendricks is an attorney with Brown Winick in Des Moines. As an attorney, he takes pride in listening, understanding is clients’ objectives, and providing practical legal advice in an easy-to-understand format. Mr. Hendricks talks straight and educates clients about what he’s doing, why he’s doing it, and how it accomplishes their goals. His background in estate planning, tax, and business formation/succession allows him to help clients navigate the tax, legal, and practical aspects of owning and operating businesses from formation to sale. Originally from Fort Dodge, Iowa, Mr. Hendricks stayed in-state to earn his economics and law school degrees from the University of Iowa.

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John Lande *Attorney and Shareholder at Dickinson Law*
Mr. Lande is a shareholder at the Dickinson Law Firm in Des Moines, Iowa, and chair of the firm’s Cybersecurity, Data Breach, and Privacy section. His cybersecurity practice involves advising clients on pre-incident controls and policies, post-incident response, litigation and litigation risk, insurance coverage disputes, and regulatory response. Mr. Lande is a certified information privacy professional (CIPP/US) by the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP), and he has been recognized by *Best Lawyers in America* and *Chambers USA* in 2019. Mr. Lande is a frequent presenter on cybersecurity and actively contributes to Dickinson Law’s cybersecurity blog.

Mark Becker *Attorney & Shareholder at Fabyanske Westra Hart & Thomson*
Mr. Becker is a leading construction lawyer recognized for his skillful advocacy and professionalism in resolving his clients’ most challenging construction-related disputes or negotiating their most significant construction contracts. His experience and practice focus on innovative early mediation methods of dispute resolution set him apart from other lawyers with a traditional litigation-centric focus. Through his effective early mediation advocacy, Mr. Becker has successfully resolved many high-stakes, multi-party, and complex construction disputes for his clients before the onset of the most significant litigation expense. He served as chair of the Construction Law Section of the Minnesota Bar Association in 2017. He is a member of the Associated General Contractors of Minnesota. Mr. Becker received his B.S. degree in Civil Engineering from Northwestern University, McCormick School of Engineering, and his J.D. degree from University of Iowa College of Law. He is a Fellow of the Construction Lawyers Society of America.

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