

Agenda

Contract Law Primer for Engineers

J. Donofrio

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 and General Liability Insurance for Engineers

F. Hedberg

Understanding business insurance coverage:
general liability vs. professional liability policies
Additional insureds: obtaining certificates of insurance
Understanding insurance policies:

- Indemnities
- Assignment
- Insurance availability
- Warranties, guarantees and certifications

Recognizing and responding to claims

Intellectual Property Essentials for Engineers:

B. Nabulsi

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

Professional Liability Law

A. Di Gioia

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

Understanding the Investigatory and Disciplinary Practices of the Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection

B. Berger

Understanding the Department’s disciplinary powers
Reviewing prohibited practices and grounds for disciplinary action
Investigatory procedures
Disciplinary hearings
Administrative and other penalties and enforcement

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Learning Objectives

You'll be able to:

Review the necessary elements of any contract and determine what constitutes a contract breach.

Understand the grounds for professional liability claims and identify who can bring a claim.

Secure ownership of your designs with patents, trademarks, trade secrets and more.

Learn about the coverage provided under general liability and professional liability insurance policies.

Understand the investigatory and disciplinary practices of the Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection, which licenses engineers.



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Understand contract terminology
Review the disciplinary powers of the Connecticut State Department of Consumer Protection which licenses engineers

Learn the difference between general liability and professional liability insurance

Discuss intellectual property protections, including patents, trademarks and copyrights

Examine professional liability claims and defenses

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Frederick Hedberg *Partner, Robinson & Cole LLP*
Mr. Hedberg is a member of the firm’s Construction Group, and he has more than 20 years of experience as a construction attorney representing owners, developers, contractors, manufacturers, design professionals, sureties and insurers in various construction law and commercial litigation matters. Mr. Hedberg handles a wide variety of business disputes and construction claims involving bid disputes, mechanic’s liens, surety bonds, termination and delay, design and construction defects, professional design liability, products liability, and insurance coverage. He often draws upon his training and experience as a licensed civil and structural engineer, having designed and managed large, complex government contracting, energy and transportation projects, in representing his clients. He is also a longtime member of the commercial and construction panel of neutrals for the American Dispute Resolution Center, Inc. Mr. Hedberg has been recognized by the New England and Connecticut Super Lawyers® since 2017 for his accomplishments in the area of Construction Litigation: Business.

Basam Nabulsi *Partner, McCarter & English*
Mr. Nabulsi has delivered valued counsel to innovative technology companies in strategic IP portfolio management for 30-plus years. In addition to his significant experience as in-house counsel and a private practice lawyer, Mr. Nabulsi leverages his engineering background and familiarity with product development and commercialization in his work. He brings a deep understanding of chemical, mechanical, and electromechanical engineering as well as the dynamic fields of “business method”

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Ms. Di Gioia focuses her practice on complex civil litigation and in particular within the construction industry, she represents owners, designers and contractors in all stages of their construction projects. She has experience negotiating and drafting construction contracts for all participants in the construction industry and also counsels her clients regarding effective risk management and insurance coverage. Ms. Di Gioia also handles construction claim resolution, whether through alternative dispute resolution or litigation. Ms. Di Gioia is a member of the Connecticut Bar Association and the New Haven County Inn of Court. She is admitted to practice in Connecticut, Louisiana and New York. She obtained her under graduate degree, *magna cum laude*, from Siena College, and her law degree, *magna cum laude*, from the Tulane University School of Law.

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Mr. Berger’s practice areas have included construction law, business law, professional defense and intellectual property litigation. Representative clients include architects, engineers, small businesses and manufacturers in an array of litigation, contract and general business and employment matters. Mr. Berger is a member of the Connecticut Bar Association and the Executive Committee of the Construction Law Section of the CBA. He is a former co-chair of the Construction Section of the Connecticut Bar Association’s Young Lawyers’ Committee, and he has been a participant in the Hartford College Construction Institute. Mr. Berger obtained his J.D. degree from Boston University School of Law.

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