

Agenda

Contract Law Primer for Engineers

B. Sorisio

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

J. Lippl

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

Intellectual Property Essentials for Engineers:

G. Grissett

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

Developments in Federal and Pennsylvania Environmental Law

R. Burns, Jr.

Reviewing recent changes to and enforcement of:

- Pollution prevention
- Water quality enforcement
- Stormwater permitting
- Watersheds, wetlands, lakes and streams

Reviewing recent and anticipated developments at the US EPA and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

Ethics, Professional Conduct, and Discipline

R. Bowman

Common way stations on the way down to ethical trouble
Is the Code of Professional Responsibility binding?
Not a good time for “forgiveness rather than permission”

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Learning Objectives

You'll be able to:

Learn what creates a breach of contract, and learn how contract damages are calculated.

Review the grounds for professional liability claims, and explore common defenses to liability.

Secure ownership of your designs through patents, trademarks, copyrights and trade secrets.

Explore recent changes to pollution prevention laws and water quality enforcement.

Learn how to recognize warning signs that might indicate looming ethics issues.

Review the Code of Professional Responsibility and discuss whether the Code is binding for engineers.



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Explore necessary elements of any contract and understand contract “legalese”

Review common sources of professional liability claims

Examine intellectual property protections, like patents and trade secrets

Study developments in federal and Pennsylvania environmental law

Review ethics, professional conduct and discipline issues

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Mr. Sorisio has extensive experience representing design professionals, owners, and contractors in contract review and negotiations, risk management, construction litigation, arbitration, mediation and fee collection matters. He also advises clients on corporate structuring, business formation and professional licensure matters. Mr. Sorisio has represented clients in litigation arising out of projects for the construction of educational facilities; professional and collegiate stadiums, arenas and athletic facilities, municipal water treatment improvement projects, industrial waste disposal facilities; and commercial development projects. Mr. Sorisio has also secured mechanics liens on behalf of architects and contractors throughout western Pennsylvania.

John E. Lippl, P.E. *Attorney at Law, in Pittsburgh*
Mr. Lippl is both a licensed attorney and a registered professional engineer. He received a bachelor of science degree in Civil Engineering from the Penn State University College of Engineering and a juris doctor degree from the University of Tennessee College of Law. Mr. Lippl has worked as a project manager for major general contractors, as an attorney with several law firms and as general counsel for a contractor, before beginning his current practice focusing on the legal aspects of the construction process. He is a trained and experienced arbitrator and mediator and frequently lectures at both legal and construction related conferences. In his spare time, he served as an officer with the United States Navy Civil Engineer Corps. His work as a civil engineer with the Navy took him to multiple countries, several continents and two tours of duty in Iraq – as a structural engineer on an anti-terror team and as executive officer of a Naval Mobile Construction Battalion.

Gregory Grissett
Principal/Chair of Intellectual Property Practice Group at Offit/Kurman in Plymouth Meeting
Mr. Grissett helps businesses navigate complex intellectual property issues related to product development, marketing and capital investment, with experience spanning the apparel, textile, sporting goods, medical device, oil & gas, automotive, furniture, and consumer products

industries. He has a rare combination of experience in the international and business aspects of intellectual property (IP). Mr. Grissett lived and worked in Paris, France, where he gained experience in U.S. and European patent procurement and enforcement. He also has business experience working with a major global materials corporation in IP management and licensing roles. Mr. Grissett's international perspective and practical experience help companies proactively manage IP development and enforcement issues unique to complex business operations.

Robert L. Burns, Jr. *Shareholder with Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, PC in Pittsburgh*
Mr. Burns is a member of the firm's Energy, Environmental and Natural Resources Section, and he focuses his practice on environmental law and its intersections with natural resources, development, construction, commercial transactions, litigation, manufacturing, and waste. In his construction practice, he provides counsel regarding the financing, development and construction of construction projects, including related construction, design, engineering and architectural agreements, and concerning the purchase, remediation, construction and development of brownfields and "green" buildings. Mr. Burns holds two engineering degrees and is certified as an accredited professional under the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standard issued by the U.S. Green Building Council.

Rebecca A. Bowman *Law Office of Rebecca Bowman, in McMurry, PA*
Mrs. Bowman is the principal of a certified woman-owned business in dispute resolution, estate planning, civil engineering, real estate, legal services, strategic development, and training. She is experienced in dispute resolution, estate planning and administration, engineering design and forensic analysis, construction/project management, real estate, small business start-up, employment law, and nonprofit support. She is a registered professional engineer and a certified arbitrator and mediator. Mrs. Bowman writes a column for the *PE Reporter*, "Risky Business," and she lectures for the Community College of Allegheny County, the Pennsylvania State University, the Washington County Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers and others. She earned her B.S. degree in Civil Engineering from the University of North Dakota; her M.B.A. degree from Oklahoma University; and her J.D. degree from Duquesne University.

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