

Agenda

Overview of Contract Law for Engineers

J. Mahaney

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

R. Green

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

Professional and General Liability Insurance for Engineers

G. Schillace

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:

D. Gwinn

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

Engineering Business Law

D. Gwinn

Understanding forms of business organizations

- Corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, sole proprietorships

Complying with regulations governing design firms
Understanding tax issues for business organizations
Understanding employment law

Cyber Security Issues for Engineers

S. Friedberg

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

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Learning Objectives

You'll be able to:

Identify the necessary elements of any contract and discuss how to make changes to contracts.

Review the grounds for professional liability claims, identify common sources of claims and discuss defenses to claims.

Understand general liability and professional liability insurance coverage, and learn how to recognize and respond to claims.

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

Explore differences between corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, and sole proprietorships.

Learn to recognize cyber security threats, and assess your potential exposure.



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Analyze contract law essentials for engineers

Examine professional liability law

Discuss professional and general liability insurance

Identify intellectual property essentials, including patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets

Analyze key elements of business law and employment law

Explore cyber security issues and threats

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Faculty

J.H. Mahaney *Partner & Attorney at Dinsmore*

Recognized for his work on a variety of complex, high exposure cases, Mr. Mahaney has extensive trial and appellate experience in a wide variety of litigation matters. He has extensive experience in complex commercial and business litigation, including corporate and contract disputes, real estate claims, unfair competition, and intellectual property litigation. He also has handled construction litigation and disputes including construction defect claims, architects and engineers’ liability claims, contractor delay/disruption claims, bid disputes and additional work/changed conditions/change order litigation, catastrophic and mass tort litigation. Mr. Mahaney earned his B.A. degree from Bethany College and graduated *magna cum laude* with his J.D. degree from Washington and Lee University School of Law.

Roberta F. Green *Member & Attorney at Schuman McCuskey Slicer*

Ms. Green joined Shuman, McCuskey & Slicer, PLLC, in May 1994 and became a member in 1999. Through her representation of individuals, corporations and political subdivisions (including utilities, school boards and cities), Ms. Green’s practice has come to focus on inter alia engineering practices. In particular, she has litigated negligence, professional liability, and property damages claims that have involved defending and sometimes challenging engineering decisions directly or indirectly. Throughout her years of practice, Ms. Green has handled litigations in these areas before administrative tribunals (including the Public Service Commission, the Environmental Quality Board, the West Virginia Workers Compensation Commission) and before state and federal courts, both across the region and beyond.

Gregory Schillace *Founder & Attorney at Schillace Law Office*

Mr. Schillace is the founder and the sole attorney of the Schillace Law Office. His practice focuses on a trial and appellate practice involving consumer law, civil and insurance litigation, insurance liability and coverage litigation, personal injury, truck and automobile

accidents and injuries, as well as professional negligence and malpractice, and wrongful death from both the plaintiff and defendant’s perspectives. Mr. Schillace is admitted to practice in the state and federal courts of West Virginia; the Western District of Pennsylvania; and, the Central District of Illinois He is a member of the West Virginia State Bar. He earned his B.S.B.A. degree in 1986 and J.D. degree in 1990 from West Virginia University.

Dusty Gwinn *Founding Partner & Attorney at Akers Gwinn*

Mr. Gwinn has worked as legal counsel to engineers for over 17 years. He is an attorney, agent, and entrepreneur from Beckley, West Virginia. He has a law practice focusing on intellectual property, business transactions, estate planning, sports and entertainment law, and start-up ventures. Mr. Gwinn is a founding partner for the law firm Akers Gwinn with fellow patent attorney and mechanical engineer Robert Akers and also works as Independent Senior Counsel for Dunlap Bennett & Ludwig, PLLC. He is a three-time graduate of West Virginia University (Biology-2000, MBA-2004, JD -2004). Mr. Gwinn has also been a founder, owner, partner, or manager of several West Virginia companies, including his own agency Wild Dog Management, LLC, New Legacy Sports, LLC and Beckley Flag Football, LLC. He is a United States Patent and Trademark Registered Patent Attorney and an NFLPA Certified Contract Advisor and WNBA Agent.

Sue Friedberg *Shareholder & Attorney at Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney*

Co-chair of Buchanan’s Cybersecurity and Data Privacy Group, Ms. Friedberg advises clients about the rapidly evolving standards of care for safeguarding confidential information and responding effectively to security incidents that threaten to compromise her clients’ valuable or legally protected information. When a client faces a possible breach, she works collaboratively with a client’s management team, IT staff, forensic experts, and cyber insurer to mobilize quickly and mount an efficient response. Ms. Friedberg received her B.S. degree from Georgetown University and her J.D. degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law.

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