Agenda

Contract Law Primer for Engineers *L. Bondy Dunn*

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. Shirk*

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 *J. Riley*

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

Understanding the Investigatory and Disciplinary Practices of the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies *M. Ninneman*

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

Intellectual Property Essentials for Engineers: Patents, Trademarks, Copyrights, and Trade Secrets *S. Hawranek*

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

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Learning Objectives

You'll be able to:

Discuss common contract provisions and examine what constitutes a breach of contract.

Identify who can bring a professional liability claim and identify common sources of such claims.

Understand general and professional liability insurance policies.

Discuss the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies practices and procedures, including disciplinary hearings.

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

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Understand contract law and get tips on making changes to contracts

Examine professional liability law and dispute resolution

Learn about professional and general liability insurance for engineers

Explore the investigatory and disciplinary practices of the Colorado Department of Regulated Agencies

Discuss intellectual property essentials for engineers

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