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Construction Group Out + About

Members of Robinson+Cole's Construction Group have spoken and published on various construction-related topics, been recognized in the community, and participated in high-profile industry group programs throughout the country. We hope to see you while we're "out and about."

Even when we're away from the office, we continue to follow developments and trends in all areas of construction law and share our insights on those changes in our [Construction Law Zone](#) blog. If you haven't checked out the blog, we encourage you to do so and sign up to receive an email notification when new content is posted. We welcome your feedback and input on topics you'd like us to cover.



Construction Industry Roundtable in Hartford, Connecticut on May 31

Robinson+Cole will host a Construction Industry Roundtable for the second consecutive year on May 31, 2018 at the firm's Hartford office. Leaders in the industry and community will discuss trends and the state of the industry.



Taking Care of Business – A Mini MBA Program for the Construction Lawyer in New Orleans, Louisiana on April 11-13

Greg Faulkner, Peter Strniste, and Elizabeth Wright attended the Annual Meeting of the American Bar Association's Construction Forum on April 11–13 in New Orleans, Louisiana. The Forum's 2018 Annual Meeting, entitled "Taking Care of Business – A Mini MBA Program for the Construction Lawyer," featured programs and sessions emphasizing the business of Construction (and Construction Law), including a session on dealing with the numbers of Construction (namely financing and accounting) and how those will impact the project and any dispute.

Joint Dinner of the Design and Construction Industry at the Aqua Turf in Southington, Connecticut on February 28

Robinson+Cole was the title sponsor at the 22nd Annual Joint Dinner of the Design and Construction Industry, held February 28, 2018, at the Aqua Turf Club. This annual event included a gathering of 31 hosting A/E/C industry organizations. Marty Onorato and Dennis Cavanaugh represented the firm at the event. The keynote address, "Leveraging Transportation Investments for Growth in Connecticut," was delivered by Lyle Dwight Wray, PhD., Executive Director, Capitol Region Council of Governments.



Current Topics Series in Boston, Massachusetts on May 30

Robinson+Cole will host a joint Real Estate + Development and Construction Group Series on current topics, including Building Information Modeling, led by Joe Barra on May 30, 2018, at the firm's Boston office.



Surety Claims Institute in Beaver Creek, Colorado on June 20

Dennis Cavanaugh will attend the Surety Claims Institute's 43rd Annual Meeting and Seminar on June 20 in Beaver Creek, Colorado.



Management of Legal Exposures in Hartford, CT January 24

Greg Faulkner presented at the Construction Institute's (CI) workshop "Management of Legal Exposures" on January 24, 2018, in Hartford, Connecticut. The workshop is part of CI's Project Management Certification program. Greg addressed how early knowledge of potential issues on a project can help mitigate any associated legal consequences and costs. Participants reviewed potential legal issues that can arise from missteps; examined case law examples that resulted from construction-related issues; and discussed the importance of considering legal hurdles before making decisions.

HEREL Conference at Rutgers on September 27 and 28

Greg Faulkner and Marty Onorato will present at the 2018 Higher Education Real Estate Lawyers (HEREL) Conference to take place on September 27 and 28, 2018, at Rutgers University, in New Jersey. They will be joined by Gavin Middleton, Chief Operating Officer of Lehrer, LLC. This presentation will explore best practices, from both a legal and project management perspective, in mitigating losses and managing expectations yet preserving rights if construction projects go bad. When construction projects run into trouble, university owners often look to events that took place during the construction of the project to assess where things went wrong. Although certain factors during the course of construction might have led to the project ultimately failing, owners might fail to examine what went wrong before construction, or even before the design was under way. Selecting the right project delivery system, the right project team, and the right contract templates requires the same careful consideration as decisions made during the course of design or construction. This presentation will explore common pitfalls and strategies to consider for troubled construction projects.

Arbitrating Construction Defect Claims in Uncasville, Connecticut on December 6, 2017

Greg Faulkner presented on "Arbitrating Construction Defect Claims" during the 2nd Annual Construction Defect, Claims & Litigation Strategies ExecuSummit on December 6, 2017, at Mohegan Sun Hotel & Convention Center in Uncasville, Connecticut. Serving as a primer on arbitration, the seminar covered the contractual right to arbitrate, which disputes are most suited to arbitration, arbitration forums, procedural considerations, and more.

AUREO Conference at University of Notre Dame in Indiana on September 24



Marty Onorato will be presenting at the Association of University Real Estate Officials (AUREO) Conference held at University of Notre Dame on September 24, 2018.

Commercial Observer Higher Education Construction Forum in New York City on May 14

Marty Onorato will attend the Commercial Observer Higher Education Construction Forum in New York on May 14.

Connecticut Building Congress at CCSU on April 10

Marty Onorato presented at a Meet the Candidates program for the Connecticut Building Congress at Central Connecticut State University (CCSU) in New Britain, Connecticut on April 10, 2018. He organized the program, which featured gubernatorial candidates Oz Griebel, Jonathan Harris, Mark Boughton, Sean Connolly and Tim Herbst, and was moderated by economist Alissa DeJonge of the Connecticut Economic Resource Center (CERC). The candidates presented their ideas on key economic factors that will drive growth in the design and construction industry in Connecticut.

Construction Section of the Connecticut Bar Association on April 18

Marty Onorato presented to the Construction Section of the Connecticut Bar Association on the subject of 2017 AIA contracts on April 18, 2018. He highlighted the major changes to the AIA forms of agreement for architects and general contractors.

Project Team Awards of the Connecticut Building Congress on April 6

Marty Onorato hosted the judging of the annual Project Team Awards of the Connecticut Building Congress on April 6, 2018. For the first time, this year's judging was conducted as an all-virtual meeting. This annual awards program recognizes Connecticut projects that exemplify best practices in collaboration and project teamwork.

National Fire Sprinklers Association's Connecticut Chapter Meeting on January 9



Peter Strniste presented at the National Fire Sprinklers Association's Connecticut Chapter Quarterly Meeting on January 9, 2018. The presentation, entitled "Navigating the Subcontract and Avoiding Project Risks," was presented to more than 30 fire sprinkler contractors and vendors. Mr. Strniste guided the participants through various strategies for limiting and transferring construction risks during both the contract negotiation phase and the construction phase. He also discussed strategies for limiting risks and recovering additional funds through change orders, properly allocating

project delays and accelerations, and avoiding the pitfalls associated with periodic lien waivers.



Use of Drones in Development and Real Estate Hosted by the Boston Bar Association on May 10

Elizabeth Wright will present at the Boston Bar Association's "Use of Drones in Development and Real Estate" program on May 10, 2018. This program will describe the regulatory framework for the use of drones in Massachusetts. It will illustrate some commercial uses for drones in the development context, as well as considerations when your project includes the use of drones, including contractual provision, and offer a look at where drone usage and regulation may be going.

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