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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 are "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 to 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 e-mails when new content is posted. We welcome your feedback and input on topics you'd like us to cover.



American Bar Association's (ABA) Forum on Construction Law's Fall Meeting and Welcome Reception in Boston, MA October 4-6, 2017

Robinson+Cole's Construction Group will attend at the ABA's Forum on Construction Law 2017 Fall Meeting—"Has It Really Been A Decade? The 2017 AIA Contract Documents" and host a welcome reception with co-sponsors CohnReznick and Exponent.

Higher Education Real Estate Lawyers' (HEREL) 15th Annual Conference in San Francisco, CA September 25-26, 2017

Robinson+Cole's Education Group sponsored this year's conference, hosted by The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, in San Francisco. Marty Onorato, Garry Berman, and Greg Faulkner attended. Click [here](#) to view a photo from the event.

Robinson+Cole Hosts Construction Industry Leaders Roundtable and Yard Goats Game August 30, 2017

Greg Faulkner moderated a lively discussion with Robinson+Cole's Construction Group and industry leaders from the American Arbitration Association, the American Council of Engineering Companies of Connecticut, the American Institute of Architects, the Associated General Contractors of Connecticut, the Building Owners and Managers Association, the Connecticut Building Congress, the Connecticut Business and Industry Association, the Connecticut Council of Municipalities, the Construction

Institute, and the Professional Women in Construction. A summary has been featured on our *Construction Law Zone* blog, available [here](#).

Construction Lawyers Society of America June 2017

Dennis Cavanaugh, Greg Faulkner, Todd Regan, and Peter Strniste have accepted fellowships with the Construction Lawyers Society of America, an invitation-only construction lawyer honorary society with membership limited to 1,200 practicing Fellows from the United States and internationally. Fellows are selected and invited into Fellowship after being evaluated for effectiveness, accomplishments, and ethical reputation in construction law.

American Institute of Architects (AIA) Contract Updates Summer and Fall 2017

Members of the Construction Group have been making the rounds to clients, presenting highlights of the 2017 updates to AIA contract forms, which includes new termination fees, revised notice provisions, broader indemnity obligations, and an overhaul of insurance clauses.



American Bar Association's (ABA) Forum on Construction Law Regional Meeting in Washington, DC November 3, 2017

Dennis Cavanaugh is among the speakers presenting during this one-day program focused on construction insurance. The program promises to provide an in-depth and comprehensive review of the key insurance products available to manage construction risk, as well as issues related to the interplay of those insurance products with contract provisions and performance obligations. Additional details about the program can be accessed [here](#).

Pearlman Conference in Seattle, WA September 6-8, 2017

Dennis Cavanaugh co-presented a session on the Spearin Doctrine, focusing on how it has evolved and been challenged in nearly a century. The *Spearin* case was decided by the United States Supreme Court in 1918 and provides that, for an owner prescribing the character, dimensions, and location of the work in the design documents, there is an implied warranty that the completed design will be adequate.

***The Best Lawyers in America*® 2018 Includes Robinson+Cole Litigation – Construction "Lawyer of the Year" Recognition along with 59 Lawyers Listed August 2017**

Dennis Cavanaugh was named the *Best Lawyers*® 2018 "Lawyer of the Year" in Hartford in the area of Litigation – Construction. In addition to Dennis, Construction Group lawyers Greg Faulkner, Chris Hug, Marty Onorato, Todd

Regan, and Peter Strniste received the *Best Lawyers*® designation. A total of 59 Robinson+Cole lawyers are listed in the 2018 edition. The firm continues to have the highest number of recognized lawyers in the State of Connecticut. Click [here](#) to view our press release.

**Construction Institute Board of Advisors
June 2017**

Dennis Cavanagh was reappointed to serve on the Construction Institute's Board of Advisors for 2017 to 2018.



**Greenbuild and ArchitectureBoston Expo (ABX) 2017 in
Boston, MA
November 9, 2017**

Greg Faulkner will co-present a session entitled "Great Expectations: What Clients Really Want, Need, & Value" as part of the annual ArchitectureBoston Expo (ABX). During the session, Mr. Faulkner will offer his perspective on the dramatically changing needs of the owner in a 21st century design and construction market. Click [here](#) for more info.



**CMAA National Conference & Trade Show in Washington,
DC
October 8-10, 2017**

Joe Barra will present a session entitled "BIM Deployment: Necessity or Extravagance?" that will highlight the financial, logistical, and legal factors to consider when deciding whether to deploy BIM. The program will use real-life examples to illustrate how BIM is transforming project delivery for the Massachusetts Port Authority and others across the country. Click [here](#).



**Building Our Future in Uncertain Times: Solutions That
Work for Public and Private Projects Program in West
Hartford, CT
November 3, 2017**

Marty Onorato will moderate a program, presented by the Construction Institute, that will examine successful projects that explore alternative approaches, including P3 and alternative financing arrangements. For more information on the program, click [here](#).

**Consulting Estimators Round Table (CERT), Fall Northeast
Conference in Windsor, CT
October 24, 2017**

Marty Onorato will be speaking at the CERT Fall Northeast Conference. The conference will focus on best practices, professional liability, and other important and timely issues

affecting professional estimators.



American Bar Association's (ABA) Forum on Construction Law Fall Meeting Diversity Scholarship Recipient October 4-6, 2017

Nadine Ebersole is among the recipients of a Diversity Scholarship presented by the ABA Forum on Construction Law. The scholarship covers the cost of registration for women and minority construction lawyers, construction lawyers with disabilities, and construction lawyers from the LGBT community to attend the Forum's 2017 Fall Meeting, "Has It Really Been a Decade? The 2017 AIA Contract Documents."



Construction Executive Risk Management E-newsletter July 2017

Peter Strniste authored an article entitled "What is Builders' Risk and Who and What Does it Protect on a Construction Project?" Mr. Strniste discusses builders' risk insurance and the issues surrounding it when negotiating a construction contract. Click [here](#) to read the article.



Construction Executive Risk Management E-newsletter July 2017

Lisa Andrzejewski authored an article entitled "P3s, Design-Build Models and the Spearin Doctrine: A Shift in Design Risk." Click [here](#) to read the article.



NASBP Surety Bond Quarterly Summer 2017

Jonathan Hausner and Elizabeth Wright authored an article for the professional magazine of the National Association of Surety Bond Producers (NASBP) entitled "Drones Take Flight in the Construction Industry," which can be read [here](#).

NASBP in Chicago, IL September 23, 2017

Jonathan Hausner presented at the National Association of Surety Bond Producers (NASBP) Annual Meeting on the subject of drones in the construction industry.



**Ethics in Contracting Plenary Session at the American Bar Association's (ABA) Forum on Construction Law Fall Meeting in Boston, MA
October 4-6, 2017**

Elizabeth Wright is coordinating a plenary session entitled "Who is your client? Ethics in contracting," which will explore various ethical issues that construction lawyers face when negotiating contracts and representing their clients in contract negotiations.

***Engineering News-Record New England's Top Young Professionals*
July 2017**

Engineering News-Record (ENR) New England, a weekly publication that provides construction news and information to industry professionals worldwide, recognized Elizabeth Wright in its annual class of "Top Young Professionals" for 2017. She was one of just nine construction industry professionals from across New England to receive the recognition, which was given for "leadership, industry work and community service." For more information on the award, click [here](#) to read the press release.

***Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly's Excellence in the Law Awards*
April 2017**

Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly honored Elizabeth Wright as an "Up and Coming Lawyer" during the publication's annual Excellence in the Law event. Up and Coming Lawyers are described as the rising stars of the legal community—Massachusetts attorneys who have been members of the bar for ten years or less but who have already distinguished themselves despite their relatively junior status. For more information on the award and to see a photo, click [here](#) to read the press release.

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