

Agenda

Understanding Construction Contract Essentials

V. Greene

Examining contract terminology: parties, consideration, term, performance, substantial performance, breach, remedies, damages
Studying roles and relationships of project participants: owners, architects/engineers, construction managers, contractors, subs and suppliers
Understanding the project delivery system: traditional design-bid-build, design-build, construction manager at risk, multiple prime contractor, owner control
Understanding types of construction contracts: lump sum, cost plus, time and materials, unit pricing
Choosing the right delivery system and contract for the project
Exploring the law of construction contract interpretation

Use of Standard Forms

V. Morrison

Making Changes to Construction Contracts (the Right Way)

D. Makara

What types of changes require a change order?
Preparing a change order
Communicating the change
Constructive changes: what they are and how to prevent them
Best practices for managing changes

Understanding Issues in Contract Administration

L. Braber

Insurance and indemnity; workers comp immunity waivers in Pennsylvania
Ensuring payment to subcontractors, suppliers
Labor unions and labor harmony
Liquidated damages; consequential damages
Managing changes and change orders
Substantial and final completion

Preventing Legal Issues and Contract Disputes

L. Braber

Legal and enforceable lien waivers in Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania state construction notices directory
Delay clauses; no damage for delay clauses in Pennsylvania
Changed and unforeseen conditions clauses
Prejudice rules for notice of claims, delays, impacts in Pennsylvania
Alternative dispute resolution; resolving disputes constructively

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Faculty

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Veronica Morrison is an experienced litigator who focuses her practice on construction law. She also assists with a range of commercial, real estate and environmental litigation issues as well as procurement and administrative matters. Her clients include commercial real estate owners and developers, general contractors, subcontractors, local governments, national health care insurance providers, and large and small commercial business owners. Ms. Morrison counsels clients, particularly those with large construction projects, on risk avoidance and options for alternative dispute resolution. She also represents clients in mechanic's lien claims and cases before the Board of Claims. Ms. Morrison is a Hearing Committee Member for the Supreme Court Disciplinary Board, serves on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Committee on Rules of Evidence and sits on the PBA Civil Litigation Section Council. She also serves as chair of the Associated Builders and Contractors' Inclusion, Diversity and Unity Committee and is a member of the organization's Workforce Development Committee.

David Makara *Partner, Davis Bucco & Makara in Conshohocken, PA*

David Makara is a partner of Davis Bucco & Makara, having joined the firm in 2006. He has practiced in Pennsylvania since 1996, primarily representing clients in business litigation. Mr. Makara has litigated and arbitrated hundreds of cases to verdict in Pennsylvania and has argued numerous cases before the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania supreme court. Specifically, he argued two cases before the Supreme Court, involving interpretation of the Pennsylvania Mechanics Lien Law. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Makara worked with a general practice firm in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, where, in addition to handling commercial litigation matters, he represented parties in all types of civil litigation. He then worked with a large Philadelphia defense firm, where he practiced in the Architects, Engineers and Contractors Liability Department.

Liam Braber

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Liam Braber is a shareholder with Charlson Braber McCabe & Denmark, P.C., located in Philadelphia and serving Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey. Over the course of 22 years, Mr. Braber has established an extensive construction law practice. He also has a considerable employment, labor and ERISA practice. In his construction practice, Mr. Braber drafts and negotiates construction contracts of all types, including general contracts, construction management agreements, subcontracts, supplier and vendor agreements, architect and design-build agreements, and many other commercial instruments that are fundamental to the construction industry. He also litigates construction cases in court and in mediation/arbitration throughout the Mid-Atlantic region of the United States. Mr. Braber has received many recognitions for his work, including being named a Best Lawyer, a Superlawyer, and a Lawyer on the Fast Track. He maintains an active commitment to the community and to legal service for those in need.

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