



Construction Law

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Morris Polich & Purdy's ("MPP") Construction Law practice is unique. We are committed to the construction industry. Many of our construction attorneys have studied and/or practiced in the construction industry, giving them a unique perspective on the handling of construction matters. Our construction attorneys are also members of and actively involved in a large number of major industry organizations.

MPP helps clients both avoid and resolve construction disputes. Our multi-faceted approach includes providing advice on contract and risk management strategies, working to quickly and efficiently resolve disputes short of litigation and, when necessary, providing aggressive litigation representation.

As the construction industry has changed over the decades, MPP's Construction Law practice has similarly evolved. Since the Firm's inception in 1969, MPP has been at the forefront in shaping the construction legal landscape and has represented many of the nation's largest and best known construction firms.

Among our other qualifications and accomplishments, we are retained by numerous national and international insurance carriers to defend their construction industry insureds in episodic losses involving substantial injuries, loss of life and extensive property damage. Also, we have written and spoken extensively on the subject of construction law, including risks and liability in the construction industry.

A CROSS SECTION OF OUR EXPERTISE

Contractors and Construction Managers

MPP's representation of contractors goes back to the inception of the Firm, as our first client was a major California highway contractor owned by the family of one of the Firm's founders. Since then, MPP has continued to represent prime contractors and subcontractors, as well as material and equipment suppliers in matters ranging from contract disputes, bid protests and mechanic's liens, to jobsite accidents and construction defect litigation. As project delivery systems have evolved, our expertise has expanded to include newer disciplines, such as construction managers and design-build contractors.

Owners and Developers

MPP has represented owners and developers, both public and private, in projects from inception to completion. Because of our intimate knowledge of the entire construction process, we are particularly skilled at working with project designers and contractors to best protect the owner/developers' interests and assure project success. Our services include preparation of the master agreements which define the structure of the project, intervention during the course of construction to avoid or resolve issues which threaten project success, and aggressive representation of our clients' interests in the event of litigation.

Representative Construction Projects

MPP's broad experience and expertise in the construction industry has allowed us to represent clients in matters involving nearly every type of construction project, including:

- Commercial and industrial buildings
- High-rise buildings
- Mixed use developments
- Single and multi-family residences
- Public facilities of all types, including schools, hospitals, and government buildings
- Water treatment and distribution projects
- Major engineered structures, such as bridges and retaining walls

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- Hotels
 - Malls and other commercial sales facilities
 - Factories and processing plants
 - Golf courses

Experience and Aggressive Representation in All Types of Claims

MPP's attorneys are experienced and skilled at zealous and aggressive representation of our clients both in and out of the courtroom, as well as at reaching the most effective and appropriate resolution of a dispute through alternative dispute resolution processes. We have taken to trial and arbitrated hundreds of construction-related claims, and have mediated literally thousands of construction disputes. MPP utilizes the law to our clients' advantage by aggressively invoking the necessary procedural and legal protections unique to all construction professionals. Our representation has extended to all types of issues and disputes that could potentially arise in the course of the construction process, including:

- Public and private contract disputes
- Professional liability
- Delay and disruption claims
- Claims of defects in all types of construction
- Mechanics liens and stop notices
- Construction accidents

Risk Management Counseling

A hallmark of MPP's Construction Law practice is our unique ability to counsel in effective risk management practices, from both an overall business perspective as well as with respect to specific projects in which they may be involved. We advise on the most effective contract provisions to best protect our clients from the hazards that can exist in the legal landscape formed by the construction industry. Our team includes transactional attorneys that provide advice on business related issues and strategies. MPP also regularly conducts loss prevention and training seminars for industry organizations and individual firms.



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