

### Practice Areas

Construction

### Education

University of Michigan (B.A., 1962)  
University of Michigan Law School (J.D., 1965)

### Bar Admissions

Illinois  
U.S. Supreme Court  
U.S. District Court  
Eastern District of Michigan

### Memberships

American Arbitration Association  
CPR Institute for Dispute Resolution  
International Academy of Mediators  
College of Commercial Arbitrators

### Awards

Fellow, American College of Construction Lawyers  
Past Presidents Award  
*Leading Lawyers/Illinois*  
*Best Lawyers in America*  
Leading Lawyer, Construction, *Chambers USA — America's Leading Business Lawyers 2004*

### Biographical Information

Paul M. Lurie has been business and legal counsel for United States and international development and design firms for more than 35 years. He has worked on project planning, contracting, and dispute avoidance and resolution. His unique counseling perspective is based upon his representation of all types of participants in the construction process, including institutional owners, developers, architects, engineers, and contractors. His knowledge of the dynamics of design and construction firms has made him a valuable advisor on issues of ownership structure, transition, mergers and acquisitions. He has a "1" rating from *Chambers USA*, and also is listed with *Leading Lawyers/Illinois* and *Best Lawyers in America*.

Mr. Lurie's effectiveness in helping clients to avoid and resolve disputes stems from his wide experience in arbitration, mediation, and litigation involving all types of construction — high rise, commercial and residential, power plants, environmental remediation, cases involving scheduling delays and issues concerning design defects. His experience as a neutral party on major construction cases has made him particularly well qualified to devise methods for effectively resolving construction disputes. He is a member of the select panel of national arbitrators and mediators for large complex cases of both the American Arbitration Association and the CPR Institute for Dispute Resolution (appointed to the prestigious Construction Advisory Committee and Construction Panel of Distinguished Neutrals). He also is a Fellow of the College of Commercial Arbitrators, an organization dedicated to maintaining the high quality of arbitrators required by parties in large complex commercial cases.

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His commitment to the construction industry is evidenced by his active membership in the American Institute of Architects (he was a legal advisor to their Documents Committee for the *997 Edition of Contract Forms A-201 and B-141*); and in the American Society of Civil Engineers (where he participated in a project which produced the *Manual on Quality in the Constructed Project*, now in its second edition). He currently is a member of the editorial board of the *ASCE Journal for the Performance of Constructed Facilities*. In 1988, he authored the American Consulting Engineers Council's *Alternative Dispute Resolution for Design Professionals*, and in 1986, the practice manual, *Ownership Transition Options and Strategies*, now in its third edition. He also is active in the American Consulting Engineers' Council General Counsels Forum.

Mr. Lurie is a Fellow of the American College of Construction Lawyers and served as a member of their board of governors. He is a member of the advisory board of West Publications' *Construction Contracts Law Report*. He is a co-author (with the Schiff Hardin Construction Law Group) of a treatise for Federal Publications seminars, *Illinois Construction Law*, which is the basis for a twice-yearly seminar presented by Mr. Lurie and other members of our firm's Construction Law Group. Mr. Lurie was a member of the American Arbitration Association Task Force that, in 1996, re-wrote construction arbitration rules, and currently serves as a member of the AAA National Construction Dispute Resolution Committee and co-chairs the AAA Midwest Advisory Committee.

He is a coauthor of *Arbitration of Construction Disputes* (Wiley Law Publications, 1990) and *International Business Transactions* (Kluwer Law and Taxation Publishers, The Netherlands, Chapter 18, "United States Construction Contracts," 1997). He has written extensively for construction industry trade journals and speaks frequently to construction industry groups on a wide variety of business and legal topics.