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### **Practices**

Litigation  
Construction

### **Education**

J.D., University of Michigan Law School (1986)  
B.A., Northwestern University (1983), *cum laude*

### **Admissions**

Illinois

### **Experience**

Ty D. Laurie is a partner in Piper Rudnick's Litigation practice group. Mr. Laurie is a Fellow of the American College of Construction Lawyers and has served on the Governing Committee of the American Bar Association Forum Committee on the Construction Industry. He also is former chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Village of Glenview. Mr. Laurie has been selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* and *Leading Lawyers* and cited as one of the country's leading litigation attorneys by Chambers USA. In 2005, he was named an Illinois Super Lawyer. Martindale-Hubbell rates him "AV," the highest rating attainable. Mr. Laurie has a national reputation for his practice of construction law. His representative matters include the \$600 million historic reconstruction of Soldier Field; a \$35 million design delay claim on behalf of Arlington Park International Racetrack; the multi-million dollar, multi-year capital improvement project by Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center; the \$500 million replacement project for Northwestern Memorial Hospital; and the remodeling of Sears retail outlets nationwide. In 1999, while he was serving as the national construction counsel for Sears, he received the company's Construction World Class Partner award. Mr. Laurie's clients include owners, developers, general and specialty contractors, and design professionals engaged in both public and private projects (commercial, institutional, and residential). He counsels them on project delivery methods, negotiates design and construction agreements, reviews projects to ensure their compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and litigates in both state and federal courts. Certified by the American Arbitration Association as an arbitrator and mediator, he also serves as a neutral, both privately and for the AAA. In addition, Mr. Laurie represents owners with respect to Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Former Illinois Governor Jim Edgar appointed him to the blue ribbon commission that was responsible for implementing the ADA in state facilities. Mr. Laurie writes and speaks nationally on all of these issues. Mr. Laurie also is known across the country as an author and speaker on all these issues. He has written for nationally distributed trade journals and magazines and has appeared before numerous forums nationwide as a speaker, panelist, and presenter.

## **Publications**

Author and Illinois Case Note Editor, Construct!, published by the Committee on Construction Litigation, American Bar Association, Section of Litigation (1994 to present)

Speaker and Co-Author of Course Manual, "Practical Illinois Construction Law," published and presented semi-annually by Federal Publications Inc., Chicago, Illinois (1989 to present)

Contributing Author, lienlaw-online.com (Spring 2001 to present)

Co-Author, "Responsible Use of Computer Technology by Engineers," Journal of Professional Issues in Engineering Education & Practice (April 2004)

Co-Author, "Contractual Protections Against Mechanics' Liens and the Importance of Lien Waivers," Commercial Leasing Law and Strategy (November/December 2001)

Co-Author, "Five Steps an Owner Should Take to Terminate a Construction Contract Properly," Shopping Center Update (Spring Issue 2001)

Co-Author, "Construction Industry Expert Testimony in the Aftermath of Kumho Tire Co., Ltd. v. Carmichael and Under Amended Rule 702 of the Federal Rules of Evidence," a presentation at the Annual Meeting of the ABA Forum on the Construction Industry, New Orleans, Louisiana (April 2001)

Co-Author, "Practical Tips on Achieving a Successful Project Through Prudent Contracting," Commercial Leasing Law and Strategy (December 2000/January 2001)

Co-Author, "Illinois Tort Reform: Issues for Architects," Architalk, the newsletter of the American Institute of Architects, Northeast Illinois Chapter (July 1996)

Co-Author, "Survey of the Economic Loss Doctrine in Construction Claims," American Bar Association, Section of Litigation (1996)

Co-Author, "Illinois Tort Reform: Issues for Architects," Architalk, the newsletter of the American Institute of Architects, Northeast Illinois Chapter (September 1995)

Co-Author, "ADA: Is It Really as Bad as You Think?," Consulting Specifying Engineer (March 1995)

Co-Author, "Collecting your Receivables," Consulting Specifying Engineer (January 1994)

Co-Author, "Design Build Agreement with General Conditions; Ownership Transition," Consulting Specifying Engineer (December 1993)

Co-Author, "Contractor's Substitution in 'Original' Spec," Consulting Specifying Engineer (August 1993)

Co-Author, "Betterment Follow-Up; Proper Amount of Liability Insurance" Consulting Specifying Engineer (March 1993)

Co-Author, "Software Error; Contracting with Subconsultants," Consulting Specifying Engineer (January 1993)

Co-Author, "E&O Insurance - Claim Reporting and What Is a Claim; File Retention; Betterment from Spec Omission; 3rd Party Beneficiary/Privity of Contract Role - Engineer Can't Make Claim Against Contractor," Consulting Specifying Engineer (September 1992)

Author, "What the Americans with Disabilities Act Means to Manufacturers," Manufacturing Risk Management and Insurance Newsletter, International Risk Management Institute, Inc. (August 1992)

Author, "Libraries' Duties to Accommodate Their Patrons Under the ADA," The American Library Association (July 1992)

Author, "Title III of the ADA Potential Liability or Opportunity," Consulting Specifying Engineer (June 1992)

Author, "Contract Provisions for the Americans with Disabilities Act," Consulting Specifying Engineer (March 1992)

Co-Author, "Liability for Defective Specs Pay When Paid Clauses ADA," Consulting Specifying Engineer (February 1992)

Co-Author, "Winning and Preventing Fee Disputes with Strong Contracts," Consulting Specifying Engineer (January 1992)

## **Presentations and Seminars**

Program Liaison, "Defective Work, Effective Litigation: Claims, Coverage and Trends," ABA Forum on the Construction Industry, Minneapolis, Minnesota (October 2002)

Program Co-Chair and Speaker, "Covering the Design Waterfront: Insurance Projects with Fragmented Design Responsibility," ABA Forum on Construction/TIPS Joint Meeting (January 2000)

Program Co-Chair and Speaker, ABA/AIA Joint Program: 1997 Revisions to AIA Construction Documents (November 1997)

Speaker, "Fundamentals of Construction Law," American Bar Association Forum on the Construction Industry, Chicago, Illinois (November 2002)

Co-Chair and Speaker, "Covering the Design Waterfront: Insuring Projects with Fragmented Design Responsibility," a joint presentation by the ABA Forum on the Construction Industry and TIPS Fidelity & Surety Law Committee, San Francisco, California (January 2000)

Speaker, "ADA Title III, The Buck Stops Here," ICSC Annual Meeting, Scottsdale, Arizona (October 1999)

Speaker, "Healthy Construction Projects: Achieving Goals of Time, Quality, and Budget," ASHE 36th Annual Conference & Technical Exhibition, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (June 1999)

Presenter, "A Simulated Arbitration," 1999 ASHRAE Winter Meeting, Chicago, Illinois (January 1999)

Speaker, "Alternative Dispute Resolution Provisions in Construction Contracts," Construction, Contracts, Bidding & Liability Class, Oakton Community College, Skokie, Illinois (November 1998)

Speaker, "ADA Update," a presentation to architects and planners, Chicago, Illinois (July 1998)

Speaker, "ADA Update," a presentation to Sears, Roebuck and Co., Los Angeles, California (June 1998)

Speaker, "Construction Contracts Update," a presentation to Sears, Roebuck and Co., Las Vegas, Nevada (May 1998)

Columnist, "Ask the Lawyer," Consulting Specifying Engineer, column published quarterly (1992 to 1997)

Co-Chair and Speaker, "AIA Contract Documents: Generation Next," a joint presentation by the ABA Forum on the Construction Industry and The American Institute of Architects, Atlanta, Georgia (October 1997) and San Diego, California (November 1997)

Speaker, "Construction in the 21st Century," a presentation to Sears, Roebuck and Co., Hoffman Estates, Illinois (October 1997 and November 1997)

Speaker, "Design Professional's Responsibilities on a Construction Project," ABA Forum on the Construction Industry, 1997 Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana (April 1997)

Speaker, "Surviving Construction Projects With a Smile," a presentation to Newell Co., Houston, Texas (March 1997)

Speaker, "Disputes Between Contractor and Owner," Everyday Risk Management, a presentation to Perkins & Will, Chicago, Illinois (March 1997)

Speaker and Co-Author, "Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990: How Shopping Centers Can Avoid Claims and Accommodate Shoppers with Disabilities," International Council of Shopping Centers, Orlando, Florida (October 1996)

Speaker, "Strategizing for Success: To Bundle or Not to Bundle, That Is the Question," 1996 Annual Meeting of the ABA Forum on the Construction Industry, Dallas, Texas (May 1996)

Speaker, "Disputes Between Contractor and Owner," Everyday Risk Management, a presentation for Perkins & Will, Chicago, Illinois (March 1996)

Speaker, "Proposed Changes to the 1987 AIA A201 General Conditions for the Contract for Construction," a presentation to the Chicago Bar Association, Real Property Section, Chicago, Illinois (January 1996)

Speaker, "Shop Drawings," Proposed Changes to the 1987 AIA A201 General Conditions for the Contract for Construction, a presentation to invited guests of the construction community; Chicago, Illinois (January 1996)

Speaker, "Alternative Dispute Resolution," Construction Specification Institute, Northern Illinois Chapter; Itasca, Illinois (November 1995)

Speaker, "Contract Provisions and Negotiation Strategies," Maximizing Profits and Minimizing Risks, a presentation for Hansen Lind Meyer, Inc., Chicago, Illinois (June 1995)

Speaker, "Enhancing Profits By Minimizing Risks," American Institute of Architects, Northeast Illinois Chapter Mini-Seminar, Lombard, Illinois (June 1995)

Speaker, "Workletter Construction Issues," Construction Issues for Brokers, a presentation for The John Buck Company. Chicago, Illinois (February 1995)

Speaker, "Alternative Dispute Resolutions," National U.S. Arab Chamber of Commerce, Chicago, Illinois (October 1994)

Speaker and Author, "Alternative Dispute Resolution: Extent of Usage and Recommendation for Increased Acceptance," Edison Electric Institute, New Orleans, Louisiana (October 1994)

Speaker, "Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990: Title I Employment; Title II State and Local Governments; and Title III Public Accommodations and Commercial Facilities," Illinois CPA Society 1994 Non-Profit Organizations Conference, Chicago, Illinois (September 1994)

Speaker, "Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990: Title II State and Local Governments; Title III Public Accommodations and Commercial Facilities," Environ, Inc., Chicago, Illinois (May 1994)

Speaker, "Illinois Tort Liability for Engineers and Construction Owners," Western Society of Engineers, Chicago, Illinois (April 1994)

Speaker, "Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990: Title II State and Local Governments; Title III Public Accommodations and Commercial Facilities," Illinois Association of Plumbing and Cooling Contractors 1994 Convention, Chicago, Illinois (March 1994)

Speaker, "Americans with Disabilities Act: Title III Public Accommodations and Commercial Facilities," National Safety Council Congress and Exposition, Chicago, Illinois (October 1993)

Speaker, "Practical Pointers on the Americans with Disabilities Act," 1993 Midwest Accounting and Business Management Show, Rosemont, Illinois (August 1993)

Speaker, "Americans with Disabilities Act: Title III Public Accommodations and Commercial Facilities," American Society of Plumbing Engineers, Technical Symposium, Atlanta, Georgia (May 1993)

Speaker, "Americans with Disabilities Act: Title III Public Accommodations and Commercial Facilities," Illinois CPA Society, 1993 Midwest Accounting and Business Management Show, Chicago, Illinois (June 1993)

Panelist, "Employment and Human Resources Issues," 1992 Americans with Disabilities Act Conference, Illinois CPA Society and Foundation Panel Discussion, Metropolitan Healthcare Conference Center, Chicago, Illinois (May 1992)

### **Professional Memberships and Affiliations**

American College of Construction Lawyers  
ABA Construction Litigation Committee  
Society of Illinois Construction Lawyers  
Publications Chair, ABA Forum on the Construction Industry 2004 - 2004  
Governing Committee, ABA Forum on the Construction Industry, 2001- 2004  
Chair, Design Division, ABA Forum on the Construction Industry, 1996-1999  
Co-Chair, Technology Subcommittee, ABA Construction Litigation Committee, 1997-1999

### **Civic and Charitable**

Chair, Zoning Board of Appeals, Village of Glenview, 1996 - 2002