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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Concentrates practice in (i) public and private construction related transactions and litigation, primarily for subcontractors, contractors and owners; (ii) mechanics lien and surety bond litigation; and (iii) commercial litigation.

Has tried cases in Cook, DuPage, and Kane Counties in Illinois. Has litigation experience in Indiana.

Experience includes federal and state trial courts, arbitration and state appeals courts.

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE:

Supreme Court of Illinois (1994)
Federal District Court, Northern District Illinois (1994)
Federal Trial Bar, Northern District of Illinois (1996)

PUBLISHED:

- *The Construction Contracts Book*, Co-Editor and Contributing Author, published by the ABA Forum on the Construction Industry, 2004;
- “Payment Provisions: Form Approaches and Alternative Perspectives”, American Bar Association, *The Construction Lawyer*, Volume 24, Number 4, Fall 2004;
- “Payment Provisions: Form Approaches and Alternative Perspectives”, American Bar Association, Forum on the Construction Industry, Annual Meeting, 2004;

SPEECHES

- “A Quick Step Through the Mechanics Lien Act”, Professional Education Seminar Institute, (2005);
- “Concepts, Practices and Considerations for Modifying Standard Construction Contracts, American Bar Association, Forum on the Construction Industry, (2004);
- “Current Developments in Illinois Construction Law, Professional Education Seminar Institute, (2004);
- “Change Order in Illinois”, Lorman Education Services (2004);
- “The Mechanics Lien Act and Condominium Projects”, Chicago Bar Association (2004);
- “Collecting Funds Due on Municipal, State and Federal Construction Projects”, Association of Subcontracts and Affiliates, (2004, 2002);
- “Advanced Construction Law”, National Business Institute, (2003);
- “Perfecting and Preserving the Lien Claims on Private and Public Construction Projects”, Winnebago County Bar Association, (2002);

- “Construction Claims in Illinois: Mechanics Lien and Bond Claims in Illinois, Municipal and State Construction Projects”, Lorman Education Services, (2002, 2001);
- “Mechanics Lien and Bond Claims in Illinois, Municipal and State Construction Projects”, Chicago Bar Association, Young Lawyers’ Section (2001);
- “Mechanics Lien & Construction Claims”, Chicago Bar Association (2000 - present);
- “Construction Bidding, Contracts and Liability”, Oakton Community College (1999-present);
- “Issues for Contractors and Subcontractors to Consider when Negotiating the Subcontract Agreement,” Chicago Area Roofers Association (1999);

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND HONORS:

American Bar Association, Forum on the Construction Industry (1999- present)

Chair, Division 9 (2004 - present)

Member of Division 9 Steering Committee (2001 - present)

Nominating Committee for Board of Governors (2005)

Society of Illinois Construction Attorneys (2002 - present)

Steering Committee Member (2004 - present)

Illinois Bar Association (1994 - present)

Chicago Bar Association: Construction and Mechanics Lien Subcommittee (1999-present)

Chair (2003 - 2004)

Vice Chair (2002 - 2003)

Committee to Revise the Illinois Mechanics Lien Act (2000 - 2001)

Association of Subcontractors and Affiliates, Chicago, Illinois (1999- present)

Selected by Chambers Publications to be included in its peer reviewed publication of Leading Lawyers in the United States under the category of construction law, 2003 - present

Selected by *West Suburban Living* as “Top Lawyer” in Construction Law, 2004

EDUCATION:

The John Marshall School of Law; Juris Doctorate, *Cum Laude*, 1994

Honors: Order of John Marshall

University of Wisconsin - Madison, B.A., 1991

HOURLY RATE:

\$235.00/hour