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Practice Areas:

Litigation, Construction Law

Education:

J.D., Valparaiso University, 1986
B.A., University of Colorado, 1981

Admitted to Practice:

State of Illinois
Court of Appeals - Seventh Circuit
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Professional Activities:

American Bar Association - Forum on
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Position:

Shareholder

Mr. Ruff has been representing general contractors, subcontractors, suppliers and other participants in the construction industry since 1986. He prosecutes and defends claims arising out of public and private construction projects in federal and state court litigation, arbitration and mediation. Mr. Ruff handles claims involving improper or non-conforming work, extra work, changed conditions, warranty, acceleration and contract interpretation. In addition, he assists contractors in negotiating construction contracts with owners, design builders and architects as well as preparing subcontract programs on a client-by-client or job-by-job basis. Mr. Ruff is familiar with traditional delivery systems as well as design-build and fast track systems.

Mr. Ruff emphasizes the importance of resolving disputes among the various parties while projects are ongoing rather than saving disputes for the closeout and post-closeout litigation process. To that end, he conducts seminars and client training sessions to assist the firm's clients in resolving and reducing the financial impact of project disputes.