



Construction & Public Contract Law Section

2018-2019 Fiscal Year Activities

The Mission of the Construction & Public Contract Law Section:

To bring together members of the State Bar of Wisconsin who have a special interest in the fields of construction and public contract law; to encourage communication and exchange of ideas among attorneys practicing in such fields; to participate in the presentation of educational seminars on construction and public contract law; to further the development and improvement of construction and public contract law by commenting, where appropriate, on proposed state and federal legislation; and to provide information on construction and public contract law through meetings, programs and publications.

Section fees are \$35 per year. To join: www.wisbar.org/join
Number of Section Members: 309

Continuing Legal Education

The Construction & Public Contract Section produced, sponsored or endorsed the following programs this year:

- Redefining Leadership in Constructions: How a Diverse Team Gets Better Results (November 2018)
- Dealing with Disaster (May 2019)
- Avoid the Family Feud: Successful Transfers of Closely Held Construction Companies (June 2019)

Other Section Activities

- The Construction and Public Contract Law Section e-list provides an opportunity for section members to seek and share information with other section members.
- Partner Level Sponsor of 2019 Annual Meeting & Conference
- Law School Outreach: Participated in Discovering Practice Areas event at UW Law School Fall 2018 and at Marquette University February 2019.
- Awarded a \$2000 scholarship to a recipient at each Wisconsin law school.
- Provides access to BillTrack 50 software for section members to monitor proposed legislation.
- Provides networking opportunities for Section members and professionals in the construction industry

Blogs

The Section published the following blog posts this fiscal year:

[Massive Civil Procedure Overhaul Becomes Law](#) (July 2018)
[Wisconsin Supreme Court Enforces Indemnification Provision](#) (August 2018)
[Arbitration vs. Litigation: Binding Dispute Resolution Clauses in Construction Contracts](#) (September 2018)
[Holes in the Shield: Spearin in the Age of Evolving Delivery Methods](#) (October 2018)
[Enforcement of Tenant Buildout Liens in Wisconsin](#) (November 2018)
[When Your Client Asks: 'Can I Recover Attorney Fees?'](#) (December 2018)
[Machinery is Now Tax-exempt: Is Your Construction Client Wrongfully Taxed?](#) (February 2019)
[Rise of the Machines: Wearable Technology in the Workplace](#) (February 2019)
[Can I Lien a Public Improvement Project?](#) (March 2019)
[Putting 'Responsible' Back into the 'Lowest Responsible Bidder' Standard in Public Contracting](#) (April 2019)
[Independent Contractor or Employee? Getting It Right When Classifying Workers](#) (May 2019)

Legislation

The Construction and Public Contract Law Section is kept abreast of legislative issues in their areas and is able to take positions on legislation they feel is important to section members. The board is monitoring several budgetary proposals from Governor Evers and may consider taking action on them as the Joint Finance Committee begins the budgetary process.

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