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About

W. Matthew Bryant is a partner in the Chicago office of Arnstein & Lehr LLP. Mr. Bryant focuses his practice on construction and commercial litigation and dispute resolution. He has represented owners, architects, engineers, contractors, and subcontractors in lawsuits relating to construction defects, mechanics liens, bond claims, delay claims, change order disputes and fraud.

He has represented condominium developers, condominium associations, and unit owners in litigation matters including defense and prosecution of claims alleging violation of state condominium statutes, failure to adequately manage condominium finances, and breach of fiduciary duty claims. He has defended design professionals against claims of professional negligence. He has also represented businesses in commercial disputes, including issues of corporate ownership and control, breach of fiduciary duty, and non-competition agreements.

Achievements

Mr. Bryant has lectured on the legal aspects of construction management and co-authored chapters on the licensing of construction professionals and on public construction projects. He is admitted to the Federal Trial Bar of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and is a member of the Chicago Bar Association.

Representative Cases

- *Guarantee Company of North America, USA v. Moecherville Water District, N.F.P.*, 2007 WL 2225834 (U.S.D.C. – N.D.Ill., July 26, 2007)
- *Addison v. Distinctive Homes, Ltd.*, 359 Ill.App.3d 997 (1 Dist.2005)
- *Keuper v. Beechen Dill & Sperling Builders, Inc.*, 301 Ill.App.3d 667 (2 Dist.1998)
- *Cordeck Sales, Inc. v. Construction Systems, Inc.* Ill.App. 1 Dist.,2008. (887 N.E.2d 474)

Publications & Speaking

- "Legal and Practical Aspects of Illinois Easements," Lorman Education Services Webinar (June 26, 2017)
- "Litigating and Negotiating Construction Contracts," Mason Contractors Association of America webinar (December 2016)
- "Protecting Contractors with Mechanics Liens and Related Rights," Mason Contractors Association of America webinar (November 16, 2016)
- "[Extended Warranties in Bonded Contracts: Effects on Bond Obligations, Costs and Negotiating Tips.](#)" ABA Forum on Construction's newsletter, *Insurance, Surety & Liens* (November 2016)
- "Contract Law for Engineers," Countryside, Illinois (September 19, 2016)
- "Identifying, Classifying, and Locating Private Easements," presentation to engineers and land surveyors (June 29, 2016)
- "[Modified Law Not Enough to Protect Lien Rights.](#)" SubStance Magazine (June 2016)
- Licensing requirements and public construction topics, Illinois Construction Law Manual (West 2008)
- "Damages in Construction Defect and Failure Cases" presentation
- "Legal Aspects of Contracting for Project Managers" presentation

Education

Loyola University School of Law (J.D., 1995)

University of Chicago (B.A., 1992)

Bar Admissions

Illinois Supreme Court

U.S. District Court (Northern District of Illinois- General Bar and Trial Bar)

U.S. District Court (Central District of Illinois)