Agenda

Learning Objectives

You’ll be able to:

*Understand* contract terminology and learn what constitutes a breach of contract.

*Review* common sources of professional liability claims and discuss defenses to liability.

*Examine* professional conduct issues in professional design practice.

*Understand* insurance policies, including warranties, guarantees and certifications.

*Examine* recent and anticipated developments at the US EPA and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

Engineering Law and Ethics

East Lansing, MI - Wednesday, March 14, 2018

Review the elements of a contract
Examine common sources of professional liability claims
Discuss professional conduct and explore rules for reviewing and sealing documents

Continuing Education Credits

This seminar offers professional engineers 6.5 continuing education hours.

Contract Law Primer for Engineers
R. Jezdimir
- Reviewing the necessary elements of any contract
- Understanding contract “legalese”
- Determining performance
- What constitutes a breach of contract?
- What are damages and remedies?
- Liability-shifting contract provisions: warranties, guarantees, and indemnities
- Making changes to contracts

Professional Liability Law
M. Sassak
- Contractual liability
- Negligence liability
- Design professional standard of care
- Duty of care and identifying who can bring a claim
- Examining common sources of professional liability claims
- Potential defenses to liability claims
- Potential damages
- Participating in dispute resolution: negotiations, mediation, arbitration, and litigation

Professional Conduct in Professional Design Practice
B. Tiseo
- Education, experience, examination
- Practice of professional engineering
- Person in responsible charge/sealing documents
- Firm practice
- Standard of care
- Prohibited conduct: expired/suspended/revoked license
- Continuing education

Professional and General Liability Insurance for Engineers
J. Case
- Understanding business insurance coverage:
  - general liability vs. professional liability policies
- Additional insureds: obtaining certificates of insurance
- Understanding insurance policies:
  - Indemnities
  - Assignment
  - Insurance availability
  - Warranties, guarantees and certifications
- Recognizing and responding to claims

Reviewing Recent Changes to and Enforcement of Federal and Michigan Environmental Law
A. Siegal
- Michigan cleanup rules and vapor intrusion guidance
- Brownfield redevelopment
- Stormwater permitting and controls
- Watersheds, wetlands, lakes and streams
- Recent and anticipated developments at the US EPA and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
- Recent court decisions of note
Faculty

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Mr. Jezdimir focuses his practice on construction law and litigation. He has counseled clients at all stages of a construction project, from bid to the final payment. Mr. Jezdimir has prosecuted and defended against substantial extra compensation claims, obtained a multimillion dollar jury verdict against a developer for fraud and argued before the Michigan appellate courts. He is a member of the State Bar of Michigan and the American Bar Association’s Forum on the Construction Industry. Mr. Jezdimir has been selected for inclusion in the Michigan Super Lawyers Rising Stars publication and as a top construction litigator by the magazine, “Michigan.”

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Mr. Sassak concentrates his legal practice in construction, fidelity and surety, commercial contract disputes, insurance disputes, real estate matters and litigation of complex and technical disputes. He is also licensed as a public and private developers, contractors, construction managers, subcontractors, material suppliers, sureties, architects, engineers and other design professionals on all aspects of construction issues from project planning through bidding and construction. His legal experience concentrates in all aspects of construction law including contract negotiation, drafting and review, construction, architectural copyright, from project planning through bidding and construction. His legal practice includes defense and prosecution of claims relating to design, construction and surety bond claims.

Benedetto Tiseo
FAIA, NCARB
President, Owner of Tiseo Architects, Inc in Livonia After having worked in the construction industry since a young child and after serving two years in the US Army, Mr. Tiseo obtained a professional degree from Lawrence Technological University in Southfield Michigan in 1978, after ten years in night school. He has maintained his own architectural practice since 1980. That same year Mr. Tiseo started his architectural teaching career as an adjunct professor at Lawrence Technological University where he continues teaching to this day. In 1980 he started Mr. Tiseo’s Government Affairs Committee (along with Fred Butters, FAIA, Esq.) and is still a driving force in that arena. Early on in his career he realized that good design can be a driving force in the social, cultural and economic development of any community. As a result he has designed public and private sector projects throughout the United States.

Mr. Tiseo also believes in the importance of smart growth and is an active member of a number of organizations that are working to create a sustainable environment. Mr. Tiseo is a past President of the American Institute of Architects’ (AIA) Michigan chapter, serves on the AIA’s Ethics Review Board and is co-chairman of the AIA’s Committee on the Environment. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and a registered professional engineer. Mr. Tiseo is a graduate of Lawrence Technological University with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Design. He is an active member of the AIA, the American Institute of Architects, the American Society of Civil Engineers and the American Society of Landscape Architects. He is also an active member of the National Association of Affordable Housing Professionals and the AIA Florida chapter. Mr. Tiseo has been published in a number of national and local publications including plans and drawings for the AIA’s Michigan chapter book "Tiseo Architecture: Buildings and Encounters." Mr. Tiseo is a registered architect in the states of Michigan and Florida. He is also licensed as a professional engineer in the state of Michigan.

Renee M. Trotter
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Ms. Trotter has spent more than 15 years working with contractors, subcontractors, owners, and suppliers in a wide range of business matters, including defense and prosecution of claims relating to damages for delay, differing site conditions, construction change orders, owner interference, design errors/omissions, and contract interpretation in connection with public and private construction projects (commercial, institutional, and industrial). In her surety practice, Mr. Case represents sureties in all aspects of surety affairs and small matters including defaults, litigation, and claims against performance and payment bonds. He serves on the American Arbitration Association's National Roster of Arbitrators and Mediators, and the American Arbitration Association's Large, Complex Case Panel. Mr. Case was recognized among the Best Lawyers in America®, by Woodward/White, Inc., was named a “Michigan Super Lawyer” by Thomson Reuters; and was rated a “Top Lawyer” by Detroit Magazine.

Arthur H. Siegal
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Mr. Siegal chairs the firm’s Environmental Practice Group, specializing in environmental law and administrative law. For over 25 years, he has successfully represented businesses and individuals involved with environmental regulations and liability. Mr. Siegal has served on a number of state and local governmental boards including the Michigan State University Board of Trustees. He is a member of the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) National Enforcement Council (NEC) and is a frequent speaker on environmental issues. Mr. Siegal is also involved in the development of environmental policies and regulations through his involvement with the Michigan State Bar’s Environmental Law Committee. Mr. Siegal also serves on the Michigan State Bar’s Environmental Law Committee. Mr. Siegal is a Michigan Bar Foundation Fellow and is a member of the State Bar of Michigan and the American Bar Association’s Forum on the Construction Industry. Mr. Jezdimir has been selected for inclusion in the Michigan Super Lawyers Rising Stars publication and as a top construction litigator by the magazine, “Michigan.”

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Design Standards and Codes
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Piping System Components, Materials and Calculations
Fri., Jan. 26, 2018, 12:00 - 2:00 PM CST
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