Learning Objectives

You’ll be able to:

Understand contract terminology and explore all types of construction contracts, including lump sum, cost plus, and time and materials.

Compare standardized contract documents and custom documents, and discuss their different uses.

Utilize bidding documents properly.

Learn about change orders and handle chain of command issues.

Resolve disputes through mediation, arbitration, and litigation.

Create a system of internal procedures that promotes ethical practices.
Faculty

Suzanne P. Sutherland Hilger Hammond PC, Grand Rapids
Ms. Sutherland practices in the areas of construction law and commercial litigation, including the representation of contractors, construction managers and major trade contractors. She also counsels clients on business planning and real estate transactions. Suzanne is experienced in contract review, negotiation and preparation. Ms. Sutherland lectures and writes on construction law topics including MISHOA compliance, the Michigan Construction Lien Act, the Builders Trust Fund Act, environmental issues and Alternative Dispute Resolution. Ms. Sutherland is highly involved in the West Michigan community, volunteering with Grand Rapids Public Schools and the Grand Rapids Bar Association. She frequently serves as a guest lecturer at Wayne State University Law School.

Ryan Jezdimir Blevins Sanborn Jezdimir Zick PC, Detroit
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. He 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 Court of Appeals and Supreme Court. Mr. Jezdimir is a member of the State Bar of Michigan and the American Bar Association’s Forum on the Construction Industry. He has been selected for inclusion in Michigan Super Lawyers, Rising Stars and as a top construction litigator by the magazine, Michigan Super Lawyers.

Scott R. Murphy Bonies & Thornburg, LLP Grand Rapids
Mr. Murphy is a partner in the Grand Rapids, office of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, where he serves as vice chair of the firm’s Construction Law practice group. He has represented private and public companies, municipalities, contractors and subcontractors in a wide range of construction disputes and risk management counseling. He has negotiated and drafted litigation agreements for a variety of applications ranging from distribution and manufacturing centers to combined cycle power generation plants. Mr. Murphy also has deep litigation experience handling construction defect claims, delay/acceleration claims, differing site condition claims, superior knowledge claims and mechanic lien disputes. He is a member of the Construction Law Forum of the American Bar Association and the Association of Builders & Contractors.

Patrick Drueke Rhoades McKee Grand Rapids
Mr. Drueke is an attorney specializing in construction litigation and complex business litigation. He concentrates his practice in areas of real estate, construction, environmental and commercial litigation. He is a leader in Energy and Environmental Diregel® (LEED) Accredited Professional (LEED AP). Mr. Drueke has also frequently helps entrepreneurs and small businesses with their start-up needs through a variety of economic development counseling. A member of the firm’s Executive Committee, Mr. Drueke is also a member of the State Bar of Michigan’s Commercial and Real Estate Development Committee and Real Property Section, the Grand Rapids Bar Association Real Property Section, and the US Green Building Council. He serves on the Building Owners and Managers Association as the president of the Board of Directors and the Home Building Association Educational Committee.

George Butler, III Dickinson Wright, LLP Detroit
George Butler is a member of Dickinson Wright and has been practicing law since 1983. Mr. Butler is admitted in both Michigan and Massachusetts and in all levels of the Federal courts in the First and Sixth Circuits. Mr. Butler represents both public and private entities and maintains an extensive practice in the areas of real estate law, construction law, commercial law, education law and commercial litigation. Mr. Butler is a regular author and presenter on topics in his areas of practice.

Suzanne Rhoads McKeen, Thornburg, LLP Grand Rapids
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