Agenda

Contract Law Primer for Engineers  I. Cohen
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  S. Haspel
Reviewing the grounds for professional liability claims
Identifying who can bring a claim
Examining common sources of professional liability claims
Reviewing defenses to liability claims
Determining damages
Participating in dispute resolution: arbitration, mediation, litigation
Obtaining insurance coverage for professional liability claims

Professional and General Liability Insurance for Engineers  A. Richie
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

Intellectual Property Essentials for Engineers:  J. McKinnie
Patents, Trademarks, Copyrights, and Trade Secrets
Securing ownership of your designs through patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets
Leveraging your intellectual capital through licenses, franchises, and other technology agreements
Policing intellectual property rights, and preventing infringement
Resolving intellectual property disputes

Handling Ethical Issues in Professional Engineering Practice  K. Houchin
Promoting health and welfare vs. managing risk: complementary or conflicting duties?
Protecting the environment: meeting or exceeding legal requirements
Watching the bottom line: identifying and balancing economic pressures in design and construction
Integrating new technologies: identifying and balancing the benefits and risks

Ten Most Common Mistakes Made by Small Companies and Startups  J. Harder

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Learning Objectives

You’ll be able to:

Review the necessary elements of any contract.
Examine common sources of professional liability claims.
Discuss defenses to professional liability claims.
Explore intellectual property protection offered by patents, trademarks, and copyrights.
Learn ethical methods of handling economic pressures in design and construction.
Understand the coverage offered by general and professional liability insurance policies.

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Understand contract law
Examine intellectual property essentials
Learn the difference between general liability vs. professional liability insurance policies
Explore ethical issues in professional engineering practice
Discuss the specifics of professional liability law
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Jonathan Harder of Counsel at Dickinson Wright in Austin. Mr. Harder provides clients with strategic counsel for intellectual property assets. He routinely represents various Fortune 500 and startup companies in preparing and prosecuting patent applications. He leverages his technical degrees in Computer Science, Software Engineering, and Mathematics, as well as his experience as a software developer at a multi-national computer technology company, to effectively prepare and prosecute patent applications for clients of all types and sizes. Mr. Harder’s practice focuses on the full life cycle of patents, including identifying patentable subject matter for clients, preparing patent applications, and performing prosecution procedures. His experience extends to a wide range of computer technologies, including virtualization, content sharing, management platforms, artificial intelligence, machine learning, cloud computing,optimal, smart home environments, autonomous vehicles, internet technologies, productivity applications, product design, and memory devices, among others.

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- Resolving Disputes and Handling Ethical Issues in Government Projects
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- Filing with Rules of Professional Conduct
- Fri., Feb. 14, 2020, 12:00 - 1:00 PM CST

**Introduction to the World of BIM and the Revit Basics**
- BIM and Revit Overview
- Wed., Jan. 20, 2020, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM CST
- Revit Model Building and Elements
- Wed., Jan. 29, 2020, 10:00 - 3:00 PM CST
- Creating Sheets in Revit
- Thurs., Jan. 30, 2020, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM CST
- Revit Drafting and 3D Model Management
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