



Construction

We apply innovative ideas, broad experience, and pragmatic end-goal focus to achieve optimal results.

We know the construction process becomes more challenging daily, and you need practical, business-minded legal support driving that process forward through, and sometimes despite, those challenges. Our team provides that support, from the bid/planning phase through the close of the project and beyond – whether your needs are related to project development and planning, contract negotiations and drafting, managing job site relationships and issues, evaluation and placement of critical insurance coverage and risk transfer, advancement and incorporation of new technologies and techniques, dispute resolution of unresolved claims, including litigation or arbitration if necessary, or some other continuously emerging risk consideration.

We apply our multiple decades of construction project, honed trial skills, and creative risk assessment to help you complete projects safely, on time, and within budget - successfully driving cost-effective, equitable allocation of project risk. Our practice is flexible, enhanced by our experiences representing project owners, contractors, and design professionals of all sizes.

We lend valuable support on the ever-changing commercial construction issues you, your insurers, and your third-party administrators face daily, on both national/regional and state/local levels, including:

- pragmatic coordination and claims oversight of claims, contract, and risk transfer across the full spectrum of insurance matters, including general liability, professional liability, and property/ builder's risk
- outside general counsel needs, with document management, accounting, and audit procedures
- contract drafting, negotiation, and litigation, including government construction contract compliance counseling across many sectors, including nuclear facilities and defense contract development

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- critical insurance coverage and risk transfer program matters assessment and implementation, including review and verification of traditional insurance plans and needs (commercial general liability, professional liability, builders' risk, and contractor- and owner-controlled programs), as well as development of alternate risk management plans, including contract/'insured contract' risk transfer matters, subcontractor liability and additional insured coverage verification programs, and tenders/risk transfer effect programs
- project development and real estate management and purchases, as well as perfection, negotiation, and litigation of mechanic's liens, surety bond, and delay claims
- catastrophic loss emergency response services, OSHA investigations and support, and litigation planning and implementation, including of complex indemnification claims, general liability, professional liability, and products liability claims involving bodily injury, product failure, construction defect, and malpractice claims against constructors, architects, engineers, insurance brokers/producers, and other project professionals

Case Results

OCTOBER 1, 2020

Hamilton and Zaffiri Obtain Affirmation of Summary Judgement

APRIL 4, 2019

Missouri Court of Appeals Affirms Summary Judgment in Case

MAY 10, 2018

Tiffany and Rein Obtain Summary Judgement in \$92 Million Construction Case

APRIL 19, 2018

Hamilton and Zaffiri Secure Another Summary Judgment

DECEMBER 7, 2017

Hamilton and Zaffiri Granted Summary Judgment in Case

NOVEMBER 16, 2017

Hamilton and Zaffiri Secure Summary Judgment in St. Louis County Case

JANUARY 15, 2016

Matthew Champlin Recently Obtained Summary Judgment in Favor of his Client

Insights

News

JANUARY 22, 2026 | RECOGNITION

15 HeplerBroom Attorneys Named 2026 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

JANUARY 20, 2026 | FIRM NEWS

Hamilton Appointed Appellate Court Judge by Missouri Governor

SEPTEMBER 23, 2025 | FIRM NEWS

Varadachari Selected to Board of Governors of State Bar Association

AUGUST 21, 2025 | RECOGNITION

Magee Named Best Lawyers' 2026 Lawyer of the Year for Two Practice Areas

MAY 20, 2025 | RECOGNITION

Magee Named to Elite List of Powerful Business and Corporate Defense Attorneys

FEBRUARY 27, 2025 | FIRM NEWS

HeplerBroom Adds Texas Attorney to Its Asbestos Practice Group

JANUARY 21, 2025 | RECOGNITION

15 HeplerBroom Attorneys Named 2025 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

JANUARY 6, 2025 | FIRM NEWS

HeplerBroom Adds Three New Partners

AUGUST 15, 2024 | RECOGNITION

28 HeplerBroom Attorneys Honored with Inclusion on 2025 Best Lawyers Lists

JULY 16, 2024 | FIRM NEWS

HeplerBroom Attorneys Serve as Leaders with State Defense Attorney Association

JANUARY 25, 2024 | RECOGNITION

13 HB Attorneys Named 2024 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

NOVEMBER 16, 2023 | FIRM NEWS

Bauer Interviewed for National Defense Attorney Podcast on How to "Balance It All"

AUGUST 17, 2023 | RECOGNITION

28 HeplerBroom Attorneys Honored with Inclusion on 2024 Best Lawyers Lists

OCTOBER 31, 2019 | RECOGNITION

Tiffany Inducted into Another Prestigious Construction Attorney Organization

SEPTEMBER 1, 2016 | RECOGNITION

Aleen Tiffany Named 2016 Leading Lawyer in Construction Law

Publications

AUGUST 14, 2025 | PUBLICATION

HeplerBroom Attorneys Contribute to Illinois Defense Counsel's Annual Publication

FEBRUARY 16, 2017 | PUBLICATION

Construction Law Specialist Aleen Tiffany Featured in Leading Lawyers Magazine

Events

SEPTEMBER 18, 2025 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Four HeplerBroom Attorneys Featured at Illinois Municipal League Conference

SEPTEMBER 17, 2025 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Dmitrieva, Tiffany, and Weiner Help In-House Counsel Learn How to Protect Privilege

FEBRUARY 24, 2025 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Curtis to Speak at Perrin Construction Conference

FEBRUARY 22, 2024 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Tiffany to Discuss Ramifications of Illinois Supreme Court Ruling on Insurance and Construction Coverage Case

JULY 6, 2021 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Weiner Presents Risk Transfer Webinar

JANUARY 23, 2020 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Tiffany and Whitlock-Glave to Speak on Legal Ramifications of Artificial Intelligence in Construction

FEBRUARY 7, 2019 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Tiffany and Weiner Discuss Risk Transfer with Hospital Officials

FEBRUARY 27, 2018 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Tiffany and Whitlock-Glave Present Session at Construction Seminar

APRIL 27, 2017 | EVENT

HB Sponsoring Insurance Law and Coverage Seminar in May

Blog Posts

OCTOBER 15, 2025 | BLOG

Contractors Beware: Win on Liability, Lose on Damages without Clear Proof

APRIL 3, 2025 | BLOG

Illinois Appellate Court Reviews Effort to Circumvent 10-Year Statute of Repose for Construction Projects

NOVEMBER 5, 2024 | BLOG

Appellate Court Upholds Summary Judgment in Favor of General Contractor on Issue of Retained Control

APRIL 11, 2024 | BLOG

Illinois Construction Companies that Borrow Workers from Other Companies May be Entitled to Protections Offered under the Worker's Compensation Act

NOVEMBER 29, 2022 | BLOG

Missouri's Prompt Pay Act Provides for Simple Interest as Penalty for Failure to Pay

JUNE 2, 2022 | BLOG

Illinois Snow and Ice Removal Contractors Beware! It's Time to Revisit What Snow and Ice Services You've Agreed to Perform

OCTOBER 29, 2020 | BLOG

Seventh Circuit Upholds Summary Judgment for Construction Contractors, Finding No Duty Owed to Plaintiff

JUNE 16, 2020 | BLOG

Construction and COVID-19: The New “Normal”

DECEMBER 17, 2019 | BLOG

JAWS: Crucial Kotecki Ramifications Continue to Lurk Beneath the Surface in Construction Site Cases

JUNE 11, 2019 | BLOG

Illinois Supreme Court Holds that Implied Warranty of Habitability Inapplicable to Sub-Contractors Absent Contractual Relationship with Purchaser

MARCH 14, 2018 | BLOG

Self-Serving Pleadings for Additional Insureds

JANUARY 30, 2018 | BLOG

Illinois Appellate Court Rejects Request to Re-Write Insurer’s Additional Insured Coverage to Conform with Construction Agreement