



## CONSTRUCTION LAW

Riker Danzig offers a broad spectrum of legal services to construction and engineering clients. Bringing a unique insight into the practice of engineering and the construction industry, Riker Danzig serves as general and/or special counsel on construction law and engineering related legal matters for clients ranging from start-up entrepreneurial enterprises to established, publicly-listed corporations and numerous public entities.

While serving our clients, Riker Danzig construction attorneys have drafted and negotiated major construction contracts and agreements among and between architects, construction managers, owners and contractors; multi-prime agreements; claim resolutions; change orders; and access agreements. In addition, Riker Danzig has represented numerous clients in construction litigation and engineering litigation, arbitration and mediation proceedings, including actions under the Construction Lien Law and the Municipal Mechanics' Lien Law, and cost recovery actions, including delay claims, extras and change order litigation/arbitration.

We possess extensive experience in construction defect suits, involving bodily injury and property damage claims, as well as disputes that arise in such lawsuits over the scope of indemnification clauses and additional insured requirements.

In one significant construction litigation, we represented Spectraserv, Inc., a general contractor involved with the construction and rehabilitation of sewage treatment facilities, in a multi-million dollar dispute arising out of the failure of a new and unique sludge treatment process to function as intended at a sludge processing facility owned by the Middlesex County Utilities Authority. The failure of the process resulted in the spontaneous ignition of sludge and significant damage to the process improvements already made by Spectraserv, Inc. Spectraserv filed suit against the Authority and R3M, the designer of the new process. The Authority counter-claimed, alleging that damages were incurred as a result of delays in the completion of the project. We were successful in securing a \$10 million settlement prior to verdict in a trial that lasted two and a half months. This litigation was significant, not only because it involved a municipal utilities authority which services three New Jersey counties, but because it involved a failed public improvement which was financed by over \$50 million in public funds.

Among the many clients presently or recently served by Riker Danzig attorneys in construction law and engineering related legal matters are:

- The Newark Public Schools
- Dames and Moore
- Edwards & Kelcey
- E.I. Associates
- Perini Construction Corp.
- The Hertz Corporation
- Parsons Engineering Science, Inc.
- New Jersey Turnpike Authority
- West Morris Regional High School District Board of Education
- Livingston Board of Education
- The Valley Hospital
- Herval Construction, Inc.
- R2D Corporation
- Triad Consulting Engineers, Inc.
- Gavan-Graham Electrical Products Corp.
- Rockwood Retaining Walls, Inc.

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