

Practice Areas

Professional Liability, including Architects, Engineers and Surveyors Malpractice; Construction Law and Litigation including Construction and Design Defects; General Liability Insurance Defense including Premises and Commercial Property Liability; Directors and Officers Liability; Professional and Construction Contracts.

Services Offered

- Litigation, arbitration and mediation of design defect, construction defect and delay claims, personal injury and worksite accidents, property damage, premises liability and subrogation claims.
- Design Professional and Construction Contract preparation, review and negotiation.
- Counseling for professional practice and ethical obligations, OSHA compliance, construction code compliance, ADA compliance and environmental regulatory compliance.
- Collections.
- Appellate Practice.

Firm Overview

At Thompson Becker LLC, we emphasize the representation of architects, engineers, land surveyors, and related construction professionals and contractors. In addition to being educated in the law, our lawyers are educated in architecture, civil, environmental and mechanical engineering; one lawyer is also a licensed engineer having been a practicing structural engineer. Although we are a small firm, our group of A&E lawyers is comparable in number to those practicing at larger firms with broader practice areas.

In addition to the firm's focus on design and construction related matters, our lawyers also handle complex commercial and general liability matters, including the defense of premises liability cases. Our clients include owners, tenants, management companies and a concentration of landscape contractors and snow removal contractors.

The firm is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell and is listed in the Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers in the following practice areas: Appellate Practice; Arbitration; Civil Trial Practice; Construction Law; Insurance defense; Premises Liability; Product Liability; and Professional Liability.

Our lawyers participate in professional and construction related organizations, and frequently lecture and present at seminars on legal, practice related and ethical topics relevant to the clientele we serve.

Approved Counsel For:

- Arch Insurance Group
- Aspen Insurance Company
- Beazley Insurance Company
- Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance
- CNA Insurance Companies
- Hudson Insurance Group
- Hartford Navigators
- Lexington Insurance Company (AIG)
- QBE
- RLI Insurance Company
- Travelers Insurance Company
- W.R. Berkley Companies including Berkley Design Professional and Admiral Insurance Companies
- and many others.



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