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*Experienced Legal Counsel for
Architects, Engineers,
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Firm Overview:

At Thompson Becker, we emphasize the representation of architects, engineers, land surveyors, LSRPs and related construction professionals and contractors. In addition to being educated in the law, our attorneys are educated in architecture, civil, environmental and mechanical engineering; one attorney is also a licensed professional engineer having been practicing structural engineering. Although we are a small firm, our group of A&E attorneys are 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 attorneys 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 attorneys 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.

Services Offered:

- Litigation, arbitration and mediation of design defect, construction defect, and delay claims; personal injury and worksite accidents; Property damage, premised liability and subrogation claims.
- Design professional and construction contract preparation, review and negotiation.
- Collections.
- Appellate practice.

Approved Counsel For:

- Arch Insurance Group
- Aspen Insurance Company
- Axis Insurance Company
- Beazley Insurance Company
- CNA Insurance Companies
- Hanover Insurance Company
- Lexington Insurance Company (AIG)
- Navigators Insurance Company
- RLI Insurance Company
- Travelers Insurance Company
- W.R. Berkley Companies including Berkley Design Professional and Admiral Insurance Companies
- and many others

Our Attorneys

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