Fields Howell LLP

Design & Construction Professionals

Design and construction claims often involve a complex blend of liability, contractual obligations, and nuanced coverage issues. Fields Howell attorneys are highly experienced in handling these matters across a range of disciplines, including architecture, engineering, general contracting, and specialty subcontracting. We understand that each role in the construction process carries its own risks and legal exposure, and we tailor our approach accordingly.

Contractors & Subcontractors

We regularly defend general contractors and subcontractors in disputes related to workmanship, delays, site injuries, and construction defects. Our attorneys work closely with insurers to resolve liability and indemnity issues, often in multi-party litigation where claims overlap across multiple trades.

Architects & Engineers

Professional negligence claims against design professionals require a deep understanding of both technical documentation and legal standards. We represent architects and engineers in matters involving structural integrity, code compliance, design errors, and alleged failure to meet professional standards. Our team also provides pre-litigation counsel to avoid exposure.

Artisans & Skilled Tradespeople

Artisans and specialty trades face exposure in claims that involve installation errors, material failures, or coordination issues with other contractors. We help insurers and insureds assess coverage, manage litigation strategy, and position claims for favorable resolution—whether through negotiation or trial.

We also assist with policy interpretation involving self-insured retentions, allocation of mixed covered and uncovered claims, and risk transfer between parties. Whether resolving disputes through negotiation or litigating to verdict, Fields Howell brings experience and strategic insight to every case.

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