

# CONSTRUCTION LAW

Legislation, Litigation, Dispute Resolution & More  
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**Dear Colleague:**

As a construction professional, you are likely busy with the rapid growth of construction in Colorado, which shows no signs of slowing. Our new Construction Law conference is a great way to catch up on the hottest topics and trends in just one information-packed day.

The Conference has something for everyone, whether you or your clients are owners, contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, engineers, or architects involved in residential, commercial, industrial, or transportation construction. You will hear expert analysis and valuable perspectives on topics including:

- **Legislative Update**
- **The New Landscape in Construction Defects**
- **Delay Damages**
- **Design Liability**
- **Transgender Bathroom Construction**
- **Insurance and Transfer of Risk**
- **Proactive Dispute Resolution Strategies**

This is a conference you don't want to miss. We look forward to seeing you in April!

Sincerely,



**Jamie Belugum, Esq.**  
Program Co-Chair  
Moye White, Denver

Jamie Belugum is an attorney in Moye White's Trial Section representing clients in all aspects of civil, commercial, employment litigation, and insurance matters. Mr. Belugum's particular focus is on construction matters including construction defect, mechanics' liens, and bond claims. With a background in insurance coverage, Mr. Belugum often consults clients with regard to complex insurance coverage issues, including application of additional insured endorsements and claims coverage under owner-controlled insurance programs.



**Carrie Rodgers, Esq.**  
Program Co-Chair  
Moye White, Denver

Carrie Rodgers has focused on solving construction disputes for almost thirty years. As chair of Moye White's construction group, Ms. Rodgers deals daily with the business aspects of the construction industry, from drafting, negotiation, and review of contracts to litigation and arbitration. She vigorously asserts and defends construction claims on behalf of owners, developers, contractors, subcontractors, material and equipment suppliers, and homeowners' associations (HOAs), in public and private construction projects. Ms. Rodgers was elected to the Colorado Bar Association Board of Governors, as the representative for the Construction Section of the Bar.

## CONFERENCE LOCATION & HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS



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## Who Should Attend:

- **Attorneys**
- **Owners and Developers**
- **Contractors and Subcontractors**
- **Architects**
- **Engineers**
- **Regulators**
- **Consultants**
- **Insurance Professionals**
- ... and anyone involved in  
**Construction Law**

MONDAY, APRIL 30

8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 **Welcome and Introduction**

Overview of the Day



**Jamie Belugum, Esq., Program Co-Chair**  
Moye White, Denver

**Carrie Rodgers, Esq., Program Co-Chair**  
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8:45 **Legislative Update**

Bills of Interest in the Coming Year

**Jamie Belugum, Esq., Program Co-Chair**  
**Carrie Rodgers, Esq., Program Co-Chair**

9:15 **The New Landscape in Construction Defects**

House Bill 1279, *Vallagio*, and What's Next?



**Marisa Ala, Esq.**  
The Ala Firm, Highlands Ranch

**Ali Marvi, P.E., Owner/Principal Engineer**  
AKM Consultants, Littleton

**Mari Perczak, Esq.**  
Burg Simpson, Denver

**Moderator: Sanford M. "Sandy" Brook, Esq. Arbitrator**  
Judicial Arbitrator Group, Denver

10:30 Networking Break

10:45 **Sorry I'm Late**

Things to Consider When the Project is Delayed



**William Meyer, Esq.**  
Polsinelli, Denver

11:45 **On the Defense**

Mitigating Liability for Design Professionals



**Matthew Ninneman, Esq.**  
Hall & Evans, Denver

12:30 Lunch Break (on your own)

1:45 **Whose Bathroom Is It Anyway?**

Transgender Bathroom Construction



**Abby Brown, Esq.**  
Moye White, Denver

2:15 **Protecting Your Balance Sheet**

Understanding the Transfer of Risk to Insurance



**Lauren Karagozian, Esq. Contractual Risk Practice Leader**  
IMA Financial Group, Denver

**Teresa Smith, J.D., Client Services Manager**  
IMA Financial Group, Denver

3:15 Networking Break

3:30 **Proactive Dispute Resolution Strategies**

Techniques for Construction Disputes



**Gene Commander, Esq., Mediator**  
Gene Commander Inc., Denver

4:30 **Ethics**

Tips and Strategies for Construction Attorneys



**Shannon Bell, Esq.**  
Kelly & Walker, Denver

5:30 Evaluations and Adjourn

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**SPEAKERS**

**Marisa Ala** is the owner of The Ala Firm, which she formed in May 2017. Her construction defect litigation practice involves the defense of nationwide developers and general contractors, including claims brought by HOAs, individual homeowners of single family homes, and commercial sites.

**Shannon Bell** litigates a wide variety of complex business disputes, construction disputes, fiduciary claims, employment issues, and landlord/tenant issues, with a specialization in construction. Ms. Bell's construction experience includes contract negotiations, assertion and defense of construction claims of owners, HOAs, general contractors, tradesman, and suppliers in public and private construction projects.

**Sanford M. "Sandy" Brook**, Former Chief Judge of the Indiana Court of Appeals, joined Judicial Arbiter Group, Inc. in 2004, after sixteen years on the bench in Indiana. While a judge, he promoted alternative dispute resolution in the Indiana court system by serving as a judicial mediator and conducting numerous settlement conferences at both the trial and appellate levels.

**SPEAKERS**

**Abby Brown** is an attorney in Moye White's Trial Section who has represented clients ranging from individuals to small businesses to corporate clients. Her practice focuses on employment litigation, construction disputes, and general business litigation.

**Gene Commander** established his commercial mediation and arbitration firm in 2015 to leverage his combined professional experience as a client advocate and third-party neutral after more than 35 years of experience as an attorney representing clients from virtually every sector of the real estate development and construction industries.

**Lauren Karagozian** leads the Contractual Risk and Certificate Unit at IMA, Inc., where she is responsible for the team of legal and insurance professionals that aid clients in the review of contracts, identification and communication of risk exposures, trainings, compliance, certificate requests, and certificate issuance. Ms. Karagozian specializes in understanding construction contracts and subcontracts.

**Ali Marvi** founded AKM Consultants, Inc. in 1986 and has served as a forensic expert in the fields of building envelope, structural engineering, geotechnical engineering, and civil engineering. He has provided numerous testimonies as a plaintiff or defendant expert in hundreds of cases and has been retained as a neutral expert or an arbitrator for several construction defect cases.

**William Meyer** is a real estate and construction lawyer who provides counseling and advice in all phases of a project. He also regularly represents large and small businesses in general commercial litigation disputes. Mr. Meyer works closely with his clients to understand their financial, business, and litigation goals and then develops a strategy to obtain those goals.

**Mari Perczak** has 30 years of experience as a Colorado trial lawyer, and she has successfully handled many large construction defect cases for Colorado homeowners and HOAs. Recently, Ms. Perczak was lead trial counsel in a four-week jury trial in Glenwood Springs, where she obtained a verdict in excess of \$6 million for her clients.

**Matthew Ninneman** is a Member of Hall & Evans whose practice focuses on complex commercial and construction litigation, emphasizing legal representation of owners, general contractors, subcontractors, architects, engineers, and suppliers. In addition to litigating, Mr. Ninneman advises design professionals and construction entities on risk management and contract drafting and negotiation.

**Teresa Smith** works closely with the IMA team as a consultative adviser to and partner with the client. A former insurance defense litigation attorney with years of experience in construction defects, professional liability, and alternative dispute resolution, Ms. Smith brings her legal talents to the insurance industry through the proactive analysis of risk management needs of her clients.

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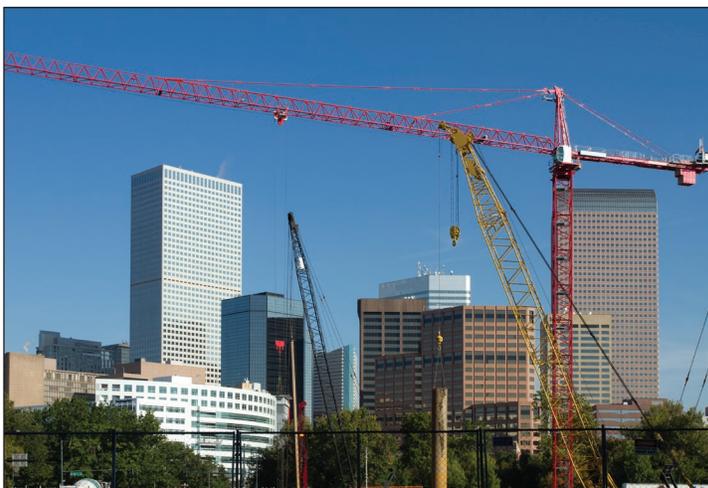
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