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Construction Group Out + About

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Members of Robinson+Cole's Construction Group speak and are published on various construction-related topics, are recognized in the community, and participate in high-profile industry group programs throughout the country. We hope to see you while we are "out and about."

Even when we're away from the office, we continue to follow developments and trends in all areas of construction law and to share our insights on our [Construction Law Zone](#) blog. If you haven't checked out the blog, we encourage you to do so and to sign up to receive e-mails when new content is posted. We welcome your feedback and input on topics you'd like us to cover.

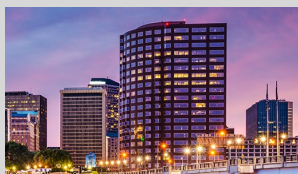


R+C Construction Team News

Catherine Maronski joins our group as an associate in the Boston office. Katie's experience includes a wide array of complex disputes involving design and construction defects, negligence, breaches of contract, professional malpractice, personal injury, and premises liability. She has represented clients in disputes before state and federal courts and provided claim evaluations and risk management advice. [Learn more](#) about Katie.



Our Hartford Office Relocation



As of August 12, our new home is located at One State Street in Hartford, Connecticut. We occupy four of the 24-story Hartford Steam Boiler building's top floors, which offer panoramic views of the city and the Connecticut River. Our new space also features state-of-the-art offices and conferencing abilities, and we look forward to hosting our clients and colleagues soon.

Upcoming Events

2024 HEREL Annual Conference

Greg Faulkner will present "Following the Money on a Construction Project – How Do We Define and Track Reimbursable Costs, Fees, Buyouts and Savings through Construction Projects" at the 2024 HEREL Conference, hosted by Florida International University (FIU) on November 7-8. **Marty Onorato** will also attend the conference. Visit the conference [website](#) to sign up. We encourage you to say hello to Greg and Marty.

Speaking + Writing



Joe Barra Authors Articles on SJC Prompt Pay Act



In mid-June, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) issued a decision in *Business Interiors Floor Covering Business Trust v. Graycor Construction Company, Inc., et al.*, that addressed some of the unanswered questions regarding the Prompt Pay Act. **Joe Barra** authored the articles “[SJC Prompt Pay Act Decision Is Warning to Developers](#),” published in *Banker & Tradesman* on July 15, and “[Lawsuit Gives Teeth to Massachusetts Pay Law](#),” published in *ENR* on August 7.

Recognitions

Five Robinson+Cole Construction Group Lawyers Named Among *The Best Lawyers in America*®

Robinson+Cole is honored to have lawyers selected by their peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2025. Among those lawyers, seven Construction Law Group members were selected in the following practice areas, including:

- **Joseph Barra** – Construction Law
- **Dennis Cavanaugh** – Construction Law, Litigation-Construction
- **Greg Faulkner** – Construction Law, Litigation-Construction
- **Frederick Hedberg** – Construction Law, Litigation-Construction
- **Marty Onorato** – Construction Law, Litigation-Construction
- **Bill Wilson** – Construction Law, Litigation-Construction
- **Lisa Andrzejewski** – Named to the “Ones to Watch” publication in Construction Law.

Inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® in America is determined through a comprehensive peer-review survey. To create *The Best Lawyers in America*® and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® in America awards through a comprehensive peer-review survey, over 27 million evaluations were analyzed including a record breaking 4.2 million responses from this year alone. Read more in the [press release](#).

2024 Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business

Congratulations to **Joe Barra** for being recognized in the 2024 edition of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* in the Construction category. Additionally, our Massachusetts construction practice also earned a ranking as a leading firm in construction. Read more [here](#).



Marty Onorato Elected to CBC Board

Construction Law Group Chair **Marty Onorato** was elected Director & Historian of the Connecticut Building Congress Board at the Connecticut Building Congress Annual Meeting on Tuesday, June 11. Robinson+Cole was proud to sponsor the meeting.

Where We've Been

Heroes Golf Classic – Tunnel to Towers Foundation

We are proud to be the lunch sponsor for The Heroes Golf Classic on August 15, supporting the Tunnel to Towers Foundation and Scoops for Troops. The event honors the sacrifices of our nation's heroes by providing mortgage-free homes to families of fallen first responders, Gold Star families, and catastrophically injured veterans. Learn more [here](#).



We were pleased to support and participate in the AGC MA's Annual Golf Classic on July 29. The AGC MA is the leading commercial construction association in the Commonwealth and provides members with benefits and business resources for Massachusetts' building industry. **Joe Barra** is a former director of AGC MA.

Marty Onorato and **Lisa Andrzejewski** presented a workshop entitled “Understanding Your Contract,” hosted by the Connecticut Department of Transportation and the Minority Construction Council on June 20. Marty and Lisa offered insight on how to negotiate a better subcontract that reduces risk and maximizes a contractor's right to be paid; key contractual pitfalls such as prompt payment, liquidated damages, no damages for delay, and consequential damages clauses; knowing contractor rights in preserving claims; and notice provisions, claims recovery, dispute resolution, payments bonds, and

mechanic's liens.



We were pleased to once again support the annual **Associated Builders and Contractors of Connecticut's** golf outing on July 15, supporting the organization's mission of representing merit shop contractors and advancing the entire construction industry. Pictured here enjoying the outing at Lyman Orchards are **Frederick Hedberg**, Lisa Fekete, Paul Pelletier, and Michael Giardina.



Greg Faulkner moderated a panel entitled "Design Build's Impact on the Borough Based Jail Projects" at the *Commercial Observer's* 2024 Public Projects Forum on June 18, in New York City. His panelists included Steve Alessio from Sweet Group, Eduardo Del Valle from the NYC Department of Design and Construction, Scott Demel from Marvel, and Joshua Frankel from Hunter Roberts Construction Group. The large-scale event brought together contractors, architects, engineers, legal experts, and project managers to discuss cutting-edge trends, innovative practices, and transformative technologies that will shape the future of the construction industry. Robinson+Cole was also pleased to be a sponsor for the event.



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During the Connecticut Bar Association's Connecticut Legal Conference on June 10, **Larry Grijalva's** presentation, "Construction Law Year in Review," discussed recent case laws and significant new legislative developments impacting construction law and what contractors, lawyers, and practitioners should be aware of as the industry continues evolving.

We were pleased to once again be a sponsor for the 2024 Mark H. Hasso Project Excellence and Scholarship Awards Program, hosted by the Construction Management Association of America (CMAA), New England Chapter on June 3. The 30th annual awards ceremony recognized outstanding project teams and their contributions to the industry. **Joe Barra**, a former board member of both the New England Chapter and the National Construction Management Association of America, has a long-standing commitment to the organization.

On May 11, we were pleased to be a sponsor of the 2024 Joseph J. Cassidy Memorial 5K Road Race, Kids' Run & Family Walk, hosted by the Hartford County Bar Foundation (HCBF), the charitable arm of the Hartford County Bar Association. The race welcomed adults and kids of all ages to run or walk in support of the HCBF's programs, which benefitted the homeless, hungry, sick, disabled, and other people in need. **Frederick Hedberg** serves as secretary of the HCBF.

The 4th Annual Girl Power Bowl-A-Thon held on May 5 benefitted the Girl Power Collaborative, which

supports over 2,000 girls and women through Girls on the Run (GOTR), S.T.E.P.S., Inc., Girl Scouts and Soroptimist CT Shoreline. We were pleased to be a sponsor.

Joe Barra moderated a panel at the Associated General Contractors of Massachusetts' (AGC MA) program "Lawyers, Guns & Money: Risk Management from the Field" on April 30. The panel discussed risk management, tolerance to calculated risks, how to effectively manage risk, and how stakeholders perceive risk. Joe is a past director of AGC MA.

R+C lawyers attended the WTS Connecticut Chapter's Annual Awards & Scholarship Banquet on April 18, which recognized women leaders in the CT transportation industry, honored scholarship recipients pursuing careers in transportation, and featured a keynote address by Laura Francis, Deputy Director/Director of Transportation Planning, South Central Regional Council of Governments. Pictured here is **Fred Hedberg** with **Anand Gupta** and his fiancé, Keanna Chang. R+C was pleased to be an annual sponsor of WTS CT.



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Hartford County Bar Foundation President Ernie Mattei and Secretary **Fred Hedberg** deliver a grant to Martha Stone, founding Executive Director of The Center for Children's Advocacy, New England's largest children's legal rights organization. The grant will help fund the Center's Homeless Youth Advocacy Project, which provides legal services to adolescents who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and its Mobile Office which travels the community to help resolve legal issues. Fred has served on the Board of Directors of HCBF since January 1, 2021.



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