

Agenda

A Primer on Engineering Ethics and Professional Engineering Practice

A. Potter

Introduction to engineering ethics

Promoting health and welfare

- Conflicting duties
- Identifying and balancing economic pressures in design and construction
- Integrating new technologies and dealing with ethical obligations with incorporating new technologies
- Managing ethical obligations in design and construction phase services
- Identifying and balancing the benefits and risks

Contract Law Primer for Engineers

K. Corbett, K. Pettit

Reviewing the necessary elements of any contract

Understanding contract “legalese”

Key contract provisions

- Scope
- Payment
- Insurance and indemnification
- Termination
- Remedies

Making changes and documenting changes to contracts

Professional Liability Law

F. Miller, Jr.

Reviewing the grounds for professional liability claims

Identifying who can bring a claim

Examining common sources of professional liability claims

Reviewing defenses to liability claims

Determining damages

Participating in dispute resolution: arbitration, mediation, litigation

Obtaining insurance coverage for professional liability claims

Intellectual Property Essentials for Engineers:

G. Grissett

Patents, Trademarks, Copyrights, and Trade Secrets

Securing ownership of your designs through patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets

Leveraging your intellectual capital through licenses, franchises, and other technology agreements

Policing intellectual property rights and preventing infringement

Resolving intellectual property disputes

Federal Procurement of Design and Construction

E. DeLisle

Reviewing Brooks Act

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Learning Objectives

You'll be able to:

Examine the necessary elements of any contract, review key provisions and get tips on making changes to contracts.

Review ethics in engineering practice and learn about promoting public health and welfare.

Explain grounds for professional liability claims, defenses to claims, damages, dispute resolution and insurance coverage for claims.

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Continuing Education Credits

This seminar provides 7.0 PDHs, including 2.0 ethics hours, to professional engineers.



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Faculty

Presenters from Offit Kurman, Attorneys at Law:

Anthony Potter focuses his practice on representation of design professionals in all phases of the construction process including contracting, risk allocation, pre-claim resolution, mediation, arbitration, and construction litigation. He provides counsel and representation to architects, engineers, and others on administrative law questions including professional licensing matters. He is a member of the Advisory Board for the Civil Engineering and Structural Design and Construction Engineering Technology Programs at Penn State Harrisburg. Mr. Potter is frequently called upon to provide seminars for design professionals and architectural and engineering students on loss prevention, standard form construction contract documents, construction litigation, professional licensing and professional ethics. He has represented clients before administrative agencies, the Commonwealth Court, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, the U. S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court. Previously, Mr. Potter was assistant general counsel to Governor Tom Ridge.

Karin Corbett is a business attorney and litigator who effectively prevents, resolves and litigates legal disputes for businesses and individuals alike in a variety of industries; but her focus is primarily in the construction and real estate and equine industries. As a construction and real estate attorney, Ms. Corbett negotiates contracts, analyzes and advises clients on all types of business matters and litigates contract claims. She also handles regulatory matters involving licensing issues, OSHA inspections and violations, fair housing claims and more. Ms. Corbett is also actively involved in various trade associations including the Metal Building Contractor and Erectors Association and the Associated Builders and Contractors Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter.

Kathryn E. Pettit is an associate who focuses her practice on construction law. Before becoming an attorney, she received a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering, and she brings her technical background and perspective to the representation of her clients. Ms. Pettit has counseled and represented owners, construction managers, contractors, subcontractors, and design professionals in all phases of construction projects. She has litigated numerous construction claims, from the owner, contractor, and design professional's perspectives, in state and federal court, as well as arbitrations. Ms. Pettit also has extensive experience representing homeowners in suits against the builders of their properties due to building envelope defects, including stucco defects.

Seminar Information

Red Lion Harrisburg East 4751 Lindle Road Harrisburg, PA 17111 (717) 939-7841	Registration 8:00 - 8:30 am Morning Session 8:30 am - 12:00 pm Lunch (On your own) 12:00 - 1:00 pm Afternoon Session 1:00 - 5:00 pm
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Franklin Miller, Jr. focuses his practice on the defense and representation of professionals in the design and construction industry. In this capacity, he has been involved in a wide variety of cases, including the defense of architects against serious personal injury/wrongful death claims arising from construction projects, the defense of design professionals from suits brought by property owners alleging design and construction defects and the defense of engineers related to their designs and calculations for integrated building systems such as mechanical, electrical, plumbing and fire suppression. Mr. Miller was the law clerk to the Honorable Bernard A. Moore, of the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas. Prior to focusing his practice on the defense and representation of design professionals, he represented clients in a broad assortment of tort and contract disputes and counseled insurance companies and insureds in matters involving complex insurance coverage disputes and claims of bad faith.

Gregory Grissett helps businesses navigate complex intellectual property issues related to product development, marketing and capital investment, with experience spanning the apparel, textile, sporting goods, medical device, oil and gas, automotive, furniture, and consumer products industries. He has a rare combination of experience in the international and business aspects of intellectual property (IP). Mr. Grissett's international perspective and practical experience help companies proactively manage IP development and enforcement issues unique to complex business operations.

Edward DeLisle concentrates his practice in the areas of federal contracting, construction law, construction litigation and small business procurement and litigation. He has drafted and negotiated construction contracts, teaming agreements and joint venture agreements for subcontractors, contractors, developers and owners. He has litigated, arbitrated and mediated complex construction and procurement cases in various jurisdictions and forums throughout the area. Mr. DeLisle has assisted clients in obtaining certification as small and small disadvantaged businesses at the municipal, state and federal level. He has participated in bid protests involving service-disabled, veteran-owned, HUBZone and 8(a) set-aside contracts and regularly assists with responding to best-value procurements at the state and federal level. He also assists companies, both foreign and domestic, in international disputes involving the United States Government.

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