# **Agenda**

#### Managing Risk in the Practice of Engineering

G. Quesada

Identifying engineering risks

Reviewing consequences of potential risks

Understanding principles of risk management

Complying with professional and ethical standards

Identifying strategies to minimize engineering risk and maximize positive results

#### **Understanding How Contracts Can Shift**, Reduce or Increase Risk

C. Kraatz

An overview of contract law and key concepts

Understanding contract formation and revision

Recognizing liability exposure under contract

Reviewing standard contract provisions and understanding their impact on risk

Guarantees, warranties and indemnities

Understanding consequences for delay, disruption, nonperformance, inadequate performance

Using contract terms to manage risk

#### Law of Engineering Malpractice

S. Stoner

I. Twigg

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

#### Reducing Risk for Yourself, Your Company and Your Clients

Negotiating fair and understandable contract terms

Maintaining adequate documentation

Implementing document retention policies and procedures

Utilizing forms and standard documents

Communicating with clients and other parties

Implementing quality control practices

Using alternative dispute resolution procedures

#### **Managing Risk with General Liability and Professional** E. Moore **Liability Insurance Coverage**

Coverage provided by general liability vs. professional liability policies

Certificates of insurance and additional insureds

Indemnities

Insurance availability

Insurance policies

Warranties, guarantees and certifications

Recognizing and responding to design professional claims

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## **Learning Objectives**

#### You'll be able to:

**Learn** common sources of professional liability claims, and identify standard defenses to liabilty.

**Participate** in dispute resolution, including arbitration, mediation, and litigation.

**Examine** how contract terms on risk, including guarantees, warranties, and indemnities.

**Explore** coverage provided by general liability and professional liability insurance policies.

**Review** strategies to minimize engineering risk and maximize positive results.

### **HalfMoon Education Online Learning**

# **Managing Engineering Liability and Risk** in Michigan

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**Review** the principles of risk management

**Examine** how contracts can shift, reduce, or increase risk

**Discuss** engineering malpractice law

*Identify* strategies for reducing risk for yourself, your company, and your clients

Manage risk with general and professional liability insurance coverage

#### **Continuing Education Credits**

This webinar offers 6.5 continuing education hours to Michigan professional engineers.





## **Faculty**

Gary D. Quesada, J.D. is a partner at Cavanaugh & Quesada PLC. He has been practicing law since 1993 and is admitted to all Michigan Courts and the U.S. District Courts of Michigan. His practice has been concentrated in the design and construction industries. He has represented architects, engineers, contractors, suppliers, private construction owners, and public entities in business and construction law matters, contract, construction and property disputes, construction lien and bond claims and defense, professional malpractice, copyright, insurance claims and defense and government affairs. Mr. Quesada has been named an honorary affiliate member of the AIA, and he was named one of Metro Detroit's Top Lawvers by DBusiness Magazine. Mr. Ouesada is also an arbitrator on the AAA panel.

Carina M. Kraatz is a principal at Kitch, Drutchas, Wagner, Valitutti & Sherbrook, P.C.'s Detroit office. She focuses her practice on commercial and construction litigation as well as intellectual property and bankruptcy issues. Ms. Kraatz's intellectual property practice includes patent and trademark prosecution and litigation on a variety of issues including image misappropriation and infringement. She received her J.D. degree from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law and her LL.B degree from the University of Windsor Faculty of Law in Ontario, Canada. Ms. Kraatz is admitted to the U.S. District Courts of Eastern and Western Michigan as well as being registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Ms. Kraatz was named a Rising Star in 2019 and 2020 by Super Lawyers. In 2019, Ms. Kraatz received a Pro Bono Award from the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Scott D. Stoner is an attorney at Starr, Butler, Alexopoulos & Stoner, PLLC. Mr. Stoner has successfully defended claims against design professionals for design defects, tortious interference, failure to inspect, and damages for delay, and he has handled contractor claims and surety and lien claims. In addition, he frequently represents shareholders in various business disputes, including breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, and usurpation of corporate opportunity. Mr. Stoner has successfully tried cases in both state and federal courts. His contributions to the legal profession are not limited to the courtroom. He has lectured extensively on various risk management issues for design professionals on areas such as contract drafting, project documentation, claims handling, and other issues that typically arise during the course of a construction project. Mr. Stoner earned his Bachelor of Arts degrees in Economics and Political Science from Indiana University and his Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Toledo College of Law.

Justin J. Twigg is a litigation attorney with the Detroit office of O'Hagan Meyer, LLC with a wealth of experience in complex litigation stemming from over a decade and a half of practice split between Australia and the United States, representing a broad range of clients from small businesses to large multinationals. He has litigated and successfully resolved complex construction disputes and other litigation involving the defense of design professionals. In addition to his litigation practice, Mr. Twigg has extensive experience in assisting design professionals in the review and negotiation of service agreements with a particular focus on risk management and professional liability issues.

Eric A. Moore, CIC, LIC is vice president of Moore Insurance Services in Hillsdale, Michigan, and he has been active in the insurance industry since 1986. Mr. Moore is a certified insurance counselor and a licensed insurance counselor (both since 1991) with the State of Michigan. He is the current president of a/e ProNet, a national organization of insurance agents and brokers that specializes in providing insurance and risk management services to the design professional community (architects, engineers, surveyors and environmental consultants).

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