

Agenda

Distinguishing Between Construction Defects and Failures *R. Jezdimir*

- Defining defects
- Causes of defects: problems with design, materials and/or construction
 - Identifying design and construction practices that could increase/decrease the likelihood of defects
- Defining failures
- Causes of failures: deterioration, unintended use, “Acts of God”
- Identifying practices that can increase/decrease the likelihood of failures

Examining Common Defects and Failures *J. Wright*

- Analyzing defects and failures for methodology and causality
- Site selection and engineering
 - Building design
 - Foundation design and construction
 - Design and construction of floors, walls and roofing
 - Exploring defects and failures in mechanical and electrical systems

Adopting Practices that Reduce Defects and Failures *C. Ofori-Amanfo*

- Reviewing proposed use and preparing construction documents
- Complying with building codes and standards
- Choosing materials and construction techniques
- Construction site communication, coordination and other practices that minimize problems
- Monitoring construction
- Quality assurance and quality control
- Correcting problems before project completion
- Building commissioning, operation and maintenance

Preventing and Resolving Disputes Generated by Defects and Failures *M. LaBeau*

- Identifying parties with potential liability
- Understanding theories of liability and defenses to liability
- Acting to remediate defects/failures
- Participating in conflict resolution procedures
- Reviewing types of damages and how they are calculated
- Insurance coverage issues



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Learning Objectives

You'll be able to:

Define construction defects and identify common causes.

Identify common practices that increase the likelihood of defects and failures.

Analyze defects and failures for methodology and causality.

Explore best practices for reducing the incidence of defects and failures.

Act to remediate defects and failures and **participate** in conflict resolution procedures.



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Distinguish between construction defects and failures

Analyze common defects and failures in site selection, design and construction

Identify common types of defects and failures and discuss likely causes

Adopt practices that reduce the incidence of construction errors and defects

Resolve disputes generated by defects and failures

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Faculty

Ryan Jezdimir *Blevins Sanborn Jezdimir Zack PLC*

Mr. Jezdimir focuses on construction law. He has counseled owners, developers, contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers in the drafting and negotiation of construction contracts, and he has counseled clients during all stages of a construction project relative to bids, adequacy of work, sufficiency of plans or specifications, extra work, delays, warranties, and other related issues. Mr. Jezdimir has also spent a great part of his practice representing construction clients in resolving disputes through litigation, arbitration, or other dispute resolution procedures. Mr. Jezdimir has succeeded as lead counsel in numerous trials and arbitration hearings. His vast litigation experience includes arguments before appellate courts as well as complex commercial litigation involving claims over theft of proprietary company information and claims for misrepresentations underlying a commercial transaction. Starting in 2018, after he was appointed to the American Arbitration Association Roster of Arbitrators for construction and commercial disputes, Mr. Jezdimir expanded his practice to include service as an arbitrator in numerous disputes involving commercial and construction contracts. Mr. Jezdimir has been honored by inclusions in *Michigan Super Lawyers* magazine; as a top construction litigator by the magazine *dbusiness*, and as a Fellow in the Construction Lawyers of America Society.

James C. Wright *Zausmer, P.C.*

Mr. Wright has defended a broad array of insurance claims – first-party no-fault and third-party automobile negligence, premises liability, toxic torts, construction site accidents, defamation, insurance agent errors and omissions, insurance coverage, and even equine liability issues – both at trial and on appeal. Mr. Wright is relentless when it comes to investigating the facts, including creative digital-age discovery practices. In one case, the plaintiff claimed to have sustained a debilitating spinal fracture, yet a court-approved review of her Facebook account uncovered photos of her sledding and waterskiing. In another matter where the plaintiff allegedly suffered a head injury after jumping from a moving car, Mr. Wright found pictures online showing the man bowling, riding roller coasters with his children, and flashing hundred-dollar bills representing disability payments. Mr. Wright employs creative thinking to find solutions to problems and to make sure the playing field remains fair.

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Collins O. Y. Ofori-Amanfo, P.E.

Owner and Board Certified Diplomate Forensic Engineer, Principal Engineer

Mr. Ofori-Amanfo's broad-based experience includes investigation of collapsed structures, investigation of construction defects and damage, investigation of condensation in building envelopes, evaluation of roof and wall leakage, field water spray testing of windows, and assessment of wind and hail damage. His work also involves giving expert testimony and assisting attorneys in resolving disputes over construction and materials-related problems. Prior to establishing Collins Forensics LLC, Mr. Ofori-Amanfo previously worked for many years at Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. (WJE), the Illinois Department of Transportation, and Twin City Testing Corporation. He received his B.S. degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Science and Technology in Ghana and his M.S. degree in Structural Engineering from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. Mr. Ofori-Amanfo is a registered professional engineer in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, North Dakota, Nebraska, and Missouri.

Matthew S. LaBeau *Collins Einhorn Farrell*

Mr. LaBeau focuses his practice on defense litigation in first-party no-fault claims, uninsured and underinsured motorist claims, automobile negligence, premises liability, general liability, and contractual disputes. He has also successfully defended numerous corporations against product liability and construction defect claims. Mr. LaBeau has extensive experience in defending catastrophic injury claims as well as consulting insurers regarding catastrophic claims prior to litigation. Mr. LaBeau has vast experience in all aspects of the litigation process from the discovery process through trial and routinely achieves successful results for his clients. Mr. LaBeau has been a leading authority on the reform of Michigan's No-Fault Act and has numerous presentations and publications on the impacts of the new legislation. Mr. LaBeau is an author of ICLE's No-Fault Automobile Law and Practice in Michigan. Mr. LaBeau was recognized by *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* as a "2023 Leaders in the Law" recipient. Mr. LaBeau completed ICLE's extensive 40-hour general civil mediation training, equipping him with specialized negotiation methods to mediate complex civil matters.

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