

Construction Services & Litigation

The construction industry has been hard hit by the economic downturn. As financing dries up, so does new construction, forcing many companies into survival mode. Nevertheless, the Northwest remains a quality-of-life destination. Opportunities will return for companies that weather the storm. Cosgrave provides sound legal advice to help clients plan for the future, manage their businesses, and, when needed, resolve disputes.

Construction clients value our extensive experience in litigation involving claims for delay and defect in construction, design, or products, as well as claims brought by injured workers under Oregon's Employer Liability Act. We excel at aggressively but efficiently litigating complex, multi-party construction claims, working to defeat the plaintiff's claims while we also prosecute claims against other liable parties. Effective use of electronic discovery is a key component of our efficiency and success, especially when a case involves hundreds of thousands of documents.

For example, we represented general contractor **Joseph Hughes LLC** in a \$30 million construction defect suit, one of the largest in the history of our state. The suit involved a condo project in Government Camp, Oregon, with 24 parties and claims of defective design, defective construction, and product liability. By being thoroughly prepared to take the case to trial, we achieved a very positive outcome for our client after only a few weeks of mediation.

Cosgrave represents clients throughout the construction industry, including developers, engineers, architects, contractors, building materials manufacturers and suppliers, and insurance professionals. Our experience also runs the gamut:

- CCB issues
- Construction defect claims
- Contract disputes
- Contract formation
- Delay claims
- Design defect claims
- Employment law
- Environmental issues
- Foreclosures
- Insurance procurement and liability
- Liens
- Product liability
- Project planning

Representative Clients

- ABC Roofing
- Bella Green Construction LLC
- Brookwood Insurance Co.

Industries

- Construction
- Insurance
- Manufacturing
- Professional Services
- Railroad
- Real Estate

Attorneys

- Andrew T. Burns
- Charles J. Huber
- David P. Morrison
- Frank H. Lagesen
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- Jason M. Pistacchio
- Peter S. Willcox-Jones
- Russell R. Rotondi
- W. S. Tab Wood

- CBIC
- EA White Construction Co.
- Farmers Insurance Co.
- Joseph Hughes LLC
- National Indemnity
- Nu Park Development LLC
- One Beacon Insurance Co.
- Oregon Helical Piers
- Pence Kelly Construction Co.
- Pinnacle NW Construction Co.
- R&H Restorations
- RWC Development
- Silco Construction Co.
- Time Frame Inc.
- Unitrin Insurance Co.
- Western Heritage Insurance Co.

Affiliations

- ALFA International Construction Practice Group
- Oregon Real Estate Home Inspectors Association
- Portland Homebuilders Association