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Current Employer-Title Robbins Schwartz - Partner

Profession Attorney

Work History Partner, Robbins Schwartz, 1994-Present.

Experience Over 27 years of advising and representing owners (public and private), contractors and design professionals in construction-related transactional work, financing, construction disputes and litigation. Twenty-seven years of litigating at every level of state court litigation including the Illinois Supreme Court and the Federal District Courts and Bankruptcy Courts. Extensive experience in all types of construction-related claims including construction defects, delays, breach of contract, performance and payment bonds, mechanic liens, payments, price acceleration, change orders, different site conditions, site changes, alterations, and extra work.

Over 20 years of experience as an Administrative Adjudication Hearing Officer for municipal ordinance violations.

Extensive experience in zoning, municipal law, tax, finance, and civil litigation matters. Experience as Chair of the DuPage County Bar Association's Local Government Committee and Special Assistant Attorney General to prosecute and defend construction litigation claims on behalf of the Illinois Capital Development Board. Appointed Special State's Attorney for Winnebago County and Special Assistant State's Attorney for Winnebago County and Cook County. Former member of the Illinois ASBO Service Associate Advisory Committee; served as a Trustee for the Village of Lombard for eight years and is a member of the Lombard Fire and Police Commission.

**Representative Issues
Handled as a Mediator** Contractual disputes.

**Mediator Style & Process
Preferences** My mediation philosophy is to approach setting parties' disputes in a practical, time and cost sensitive manner based on my 30 years of experience as a litigator and 25 years of experience as a hearing officer. My approach is based on an understanding of the complexities of representing client interests while strongly advocating for the result that clients expect. Mediation should be utilized as

a tool for every form of disputes, particularly with litigation, the timing of which will vary in each case depending on attorney strategy and their clients' and carriers' expectations, goals and costs parameters.

My mediation philosophy is a combination of evaluative and facilitative models with initially facilitating the parties towards reaching a mutually agreeable settlement and then, as needed, progress to an evaluative analysis of the dispute and parties' positions to assist and guide the parties to a mutually agreeable resolution. Many such resolutions may include both monetary and non-monetary components.

Education

DePaul University (JD-1992); University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana (BA, English-1989).

Professional Licenses

Admitted to the Bar: Illinois (1992); US District Court: Northern District of Illinois (1992); Illinois Supreme Court.

Professional Associations

American Bar Association; Illinois State Bar Association; DuPage County Bar Association.

Recent Publications & Speaking Engagements

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:

Construction Law 101 National Business Institute (December 2019); Foolproof Contract that Abide by State Laws, 2019 Illinois ASBO Annual Conference (May 2019); Construction Contracts: Boilerplate Language Landmines You May Not Know, NBI (February 2019); Legal, Legislative and Ethics Update, ICCTA (November 2018); Purchasing Processes, Problems & Solutions, Illinois ASBO (September 2018); Navigating Property Tax Assessment Complaints and the PTAB, Illinois ASBO & IASPA (October 2018). Construction Disputes: Bring Home a Win for Your School District, ASBO International (October 2018); Construction Project Problems or Solutions After Construction is Done, Illinois ASBO (October 2018); Construction and Purchasing Disputes and Resolutions, ASBO International Conference (September 2018); Construction, Bidding and Purchasing in Township Government, Township Officials of Illinois Online Seminar (August 2018); Administrators Legal Session II, Concordia University (August 2018); Construction Disputes and Resolutions, Illinois ASBO Conference (May 2018); Top Solutions and Problems for Bidding and Construction, Illinois ASBO Annual Conference (May 2018); Lead Testing Update: Everything You Need to Know, Illinois ASBO Conference, (May 2018); Construction Contract Boilerplate Terms, NBI (June 2017); Interactive Purchasing Workshop, IASBO Annual Conference, Peoria, IL (April 2017); Reducing the Budget Impact of Changing Building Code Requirements, IASBO Annual Conference, Peoria, IL (April 2017); Prevailing Wages: The To Do List That Never Ends, IASBO Annual Conference, Peoria, IL (April 2017); Public Bidding: Requirements and Solutions to Common Bidding Problems, Chicago, IL (April 2017); Prevailing Wages: The To-Do List That Never Ends, Northeastern Illinois Facilities Professionals, Chicago, IL (November 2016); Top School Construction Problems and Solutions, 2016 Joint Annual Conference; - Carousel of Panels, Chicago, IL (November 2016); Critical Decisions Before and During Construction: Our Best Practice Advice, 2016 Midwest Facility Masters Conference, Wisconsin Dells, WI (November 2016); Construction Project Problems and Solutions After Construction is Done, 2016 Midwest Facility Masters Conference, Wisconsin Dells, WI (November 2016); The Relationship Between a Community College Foundation and the College That it Supports, 2016 ICCTA Legal, Legislative & Ethics Update, Naperville, IL (November 2016); School Construction From Start to Finish, Regional Conference, Illinois Association of School Business Officials, Decatur, IL (October 2016); School Construction From Start to Finish and Tort Funds and the Levy: Explaining the Rules, Regional Conference, Illinois Association of School Business Officials, Mt. Vernon, IL (October 2016); Construction Defects: Litigating Insurance Coverage Claims A-Z, National Business Institute's Webinar (August 2016); Bidding and Purchasing Dilemmas, 65th Illinois ASBO Conference and Exhibitions (May 2016); Bidding Construction and Capital Projects: Part 1 and 2 – Pre-Bid Process/Post Award, 65th Illinois ASBO Conference and Exhibitions (May 2016); Collaboration for Shared Services and Contracts, 65th Illinois ASBO Conference and Exhibitions (May 2016); Designing a Protective Zoning Ordinance, 65th Illinois ASBO Conference and Exhibitions (May 2016); Ethical Requirements for Elected Officials and The Business Enterprise for Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities Act, ICCTA 2015 Legal, Legislative, & Ethics Update, Schaumburg, IL (November 2015).

PUBLICATIONS:

Joint Purchasing Everything You Want to Know but Are Afraid to Ask!, UPDATE Magazine, Illinois ASBO (2019); How Far Does the Law Allow Schools to Go?, UPDATE Magazine, Illinois ASBO (2018); Top 11 Public Bidding Questions & Solutions, UPDATE Magazine, Illinois ASBO

(2018); School Construction from Start to Finish: A Project Checklist, School Business Affairs Magazine, ASBO (2018).

Mediation Rate	\$450 Per Hour
Languages	English
Citizenship	United States of America
Locale	Chicago, IL

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