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About Laurie

Laurie focuses her practice on both trial and transactional work for architects, engineers, developers, owners, and contractors.

Laurie's practice also encompasses insurance coverage issues related to construction. On behalf of the interests of her clients, Laurie litigates on matters arising from the design and construction process, drafts and negotiates design and construction contracts, and counsels on transactional and operational issues in the construction industry.

Laurie's Affiliations

- International Association of Defense Counsel
- Defense Research Institute
- California Bar Association
- Illinois Defense Counsel
- Women's Bar Association of Illinois
- Society of Trial Lawyers, Past Director
- American Bar Association, Construction Forum, Steering Committee, Previously Served
- Lambda Alpha International, Ely Chapter, The Honorary Society for the Advancement of Land Economics

Areas of Focus

Industries: Construction; Insurance; Professional Services; Real Estate

Services: Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR); Insurance Coverage Litigation & Counseling;
Litigation & Trial

Experience

- Represented an engineering company in a series of acquisitions in connection with the client's strategic expansion of its footprint. These acquisitions included mergers, asset purchases, and stock purchases with target companies across the country. In each case, the engagement included drafting and negotiating the primary acquisition document, negotiating earn-outs, holdbacks, and escrows relating to pending liability issues, completing due diligence, and providing employment law assistance in connection with employment agreements for various owners and employees of the target companies.
- Represent freight transport client in an acquisition where the sale of assets is approximately \$2.65 million.

Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Litigation – Construction, 2018 – 2026
- *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, Construction – Illinois, Band 4, 2024; Band 3, 2025
- *Leading Lawyer*, Construction Law; Professional Malpractice Defense Law: Including Legal/Technical/Financial, 2003 – 2019; Profile, "Laurie Randolph: Design Professionals Benefit From Her 'Sugar-on-Steel' Defense," January 2009; Top 100 Women Business Lawyers in Illinois, 2009; Women's Edition, Top 50 Women Real Estate-Related Lawyers in Illinois, 2010; Top 100 Women Lawyers in Illinois, 2010 – 2016; Business Edition, Top 200 Leading Women Business Lawyers in Illinois, 2010; Top 100 Women Business Lawyers in Illinois, 2016
- *Chicago Lawyer*, Law Bulletin Publishing Company special supplement, "Chicago Women in Law: Women Making an Impact," May 2012
- *Illinois Super Lawyers*, 2006 – 2012
- Martindale-Hubbell, AV® Peer Review Rating

Credentials

Education

DePaul University College of Law, JD, *with honors*, 1979

Northern Illinois University, BS, *magna cum laude*, 1976

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Court Admissions

US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Thought Leadership

Presentations

Laurie Randolph regularly presents at continuing education for attorneys as well as design professionals. Her publications and speeches include:

- “Drones, Green Zones and Home-Mobiles: Navigating a New Design Era,” CLM Annual Conference, Houston, Texas, March 15, 2018
- Co-Presented with Melissa Roberts USI Insurance Services, LLC, “The Ghosts of Professional Liability Risk Past, Present, and Future,” Association of Licensed Architects, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Illinois, October 31, 2017
- “The Rules of War: Understanding the Claimant, Your Insurer and the Litigation Process to Strengthen Your Strategies,” Illinois Society of Professional Engineers Conference, Naperville, Illinois, July 2017
- “WIN/WIN Contract Clauses to the Rescue,” American Institute of Architects Northeast Chapter, Naperville, Illinois, February 23, 2017
- “A 2016 Look at Professional Engineering Risks: Cyber, Drone, and Fiduciary Liability,” Illinois Society of Professional Engineers Conference, Peoria, Illinois, July 28, 2016
- “Professional Liability - The New Frontier: Liability and Coverage Issues Facing 21st Century Design Professionals,” CLM Annual Conference, Orlando, Florida, April 7, 2016
- “Risk Management and Worst-Case Scenarios on Projects,” speaker, American Institute of Architects, Northeast Illinois Chapter SPACES Program, Palatine, Illinois, August 2015
- “The Worst-Case Scenario: A Risk Management Survival Guide for Architects,” speaker, American Institute of Architects, Chicago Chapter, Illinois, June 2015
- “ADR Clause Drafting: Deconstructing an Arbitration Clause,” speaker, National Association of Women Lawyers’ Mid-Year Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, March 2015
- “Defensive Contract Provisions and Project Documentation: Best Practices to Protect Your Firm” panelist, American Council of Engineering Companies, ACEC Illinois, Winter Conference and Engineering Excellence Awards, Naperville, Illinois, February 2015
- “The Worst-Case Scenario: A Risk Management Survival Guide for Architects,” speaker, American Institute of Architects, SPACES Program, Northeast Illinois Chapter, Palatine, Illinois, August 2014
- “Understanding the Latest ADA Standards for Accessibility—and What They Mean to You,” panelist, BUILDINGChicago/Greening the Heartland Conference, Chicago, Illinois, September 2013
- “Tales from the Mound: Learning to Pitch a Perfect Game (Risk Management Drills and Pep Talks from Illinois Court Cases),” 2013 Illinois Society of Professional Engineers Convention, Lisle, Illinois, July 2013
- “Managing Exposure through Written Communications,” Association of Licensed Architects, February 2013

- “The ABCs and one D of Risk Management, Law and Insurance for Engineers,” Illinois Society of Professional Engineers Conference, Lisle, Illinois, October 2012
- “Contract Insurance and Risk Management Myths,” Illinois Society of Professional Engineers Annual Convention, Naperville, Illinois, July 2011
- “Annual Design Professional Legal/Risk Management Checkup,” Hinshaw and Euclid Insurance Agencies Annual Risk Management Review, Medinah, Illinois, October 2010
- “The New Age of Project Delivery: Risk Management for Integrated Design,” Hinshaw and Euclid Insurance Agencies Annual Risk Management Review, Hanover Park, Illinois, November 2008
- “The ABC’s of Working with MEPs: Risk Management for an Integrated Design Team,” American Institute of Architects (AIA) Professional Development Conference, Chicago, Illinois, September 2008
- “Risky Business—Potential Risks of Building Information Modeling,” AIA Chicago Chapter, Chicago, Illinois, July 2008
- “New 2007 AIA Contract Forms,” Hinshaw event, Chicago, Illinois, December 2007
- “Starting a Design Firm—What You Need to Know,” American Institute of Architects, Chicago Chapter, Chicago, Illinois, October 2007
- “Sustainable Buildings: The Green Movement,” Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP and Euclid Insurance Agencies Annual Risk Management Review, Oak Brook, Illinois, October 26, 2006
- “Building Information Modeling,” Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP and Euclid Insurance Agencies Annual Risk Management Review, Oak Brook, Illinois, October 26, 2006
- “Analyze This: A Critical Review of Risk Management, Legal and Insurance Issues for Multi-Family Projects, Chicago Chapter, American Institute of Architects, Chicago, Illinois, September 2006
- “Defensive Writing for Design Professionals: A Risk Management Tool,” speech presented at American Institute of Architects, Chicago Chapter, August 17, 2005
- “More to Worry About: Liability Beyond Tort and Contract,” Hinshaw and Euclid Insurance Agencies’ “The Annual Review: A 2004 Design Firm Check-up,” Chicago and Oak Brook, Illinois, November 2004
- “Meet the Experts: Panel Discussion on Current Claim and Risk Management Trends,” Hinshaw and Euclid Insurance Agencies’ “The Annual Review: A 2004 Design Firm Check-up,” Chicago and Oak Brook, Illinois, November 2004
- “Statutory Claims Against Design Professionals,” speech and paper presented at the American Institute of Architects, Professional Development Conference, 2003
- “Defensive Contract Drafting: Documentation and Your Liability,” speech and paper presented at joint seminar of Hinshaw and Euclid Insurance Agencies to design professionals, 2002
- “Certifications—The Issues & Answers,” speech and paper presented to American Institute of Architects, Seminar, 2001
- “Practical Tips for Improving Construction Administration,” speech presented to American Institute of Architects, Northeast Chapter, Seminar, 2001
- “Practical Tips for Collecting Fees,” speech presented at Hinshaw seminar for design professionals, 2001

- “Insurance Coverage for Construction Projects,” paper presented to the Chicago Bar Association Insurance Law Committee, 2000

Publications

Laurie has authored chapters in books on the defense of design professionals and presented numerous papers and speeches on various subjects related to design and construction.

Event

- Laurie Randolph to Present Tales from the Mound: Learning to Pitch a Perfect Game (Risk Management Drills and Pep Talks from Illinois Court Cases), Jul 25, 2013

Press Releases

- 102 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2026 Editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*® and *Ones to Watch*™, Aug 21, 2025
- Hinshaw Earns National Recognition in 2025 *Chambers USA* Directory, Jun 5, 2025
- 105 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2025 Editions of Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch, Aug 15, 2024
- 2024 Edition of *Chambers USA* Recognizes Hinshaw for its Insurance, Aviation, and Financial Services Practices, Jun 6, 2024
- 101 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2024 Editions of Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch, Aug 17, 2023

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