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Prior to becoming a lawyer, Phil Beyer spent nearly a decade working in the construction industry as a project manager for a glazing subcontractor in Northern California. When counseling and advocating for his clients, Phil draws from his real-world experience managing construction projects and operations. Phil's first-hand construction experience—which includes public works, retail and hospitality projects, high-end residential construction, and building and renovating wineries throughout Sonoma and Napa counties—enables him to better understand the distinct issues and challenges his clients face and gives him a perspective that is unique amongst his peers.

Phil also has extensive experience managing and coordinating a variety of consultants and experts supporting his clients' interests, which often involves immersing himself in the technical and complex elements of building design and construction.

Phil believes that there is no one-size-fits-all approach to resolving legal disputes. While Phil zealously advocates for his clients in litigation and alternative dispute resolution proceedings, he is also adept when it comes to counseling clients on preventative measures they can take to avoid conflicts and how to position themselves to "build their case" long before disputes arise.

Phil is a full-fledged baseball nut, balancing his lifelong loyalty to his hometown Oakland A's with his relatively new fandom of the Chicago Cubs. Phil also enjoys hiking and visiting national, state, and regional parks and searching for local Mexican food that can rival that from his California roots.

Awards and Honors



- ▶ Recognized by Leading Lawyers as an Emerging Lawyer (2020 – present)

Professional Organizations



- ▶ Chicago Bar Association
 - Construction Law and Mechanics Lien Subcommittee
- ▶ American Bar Association
 - Forum on Construction Law

Representative Matters



- ▶ Represented a general contractor in a two-week arbitration hearing against a key subcontractor, resulting in the successful recovery of nearly \$800,000 in extended general conditions, liquidated damages, and other delay-related costs, as well as assigned third-party claims and other back-charges. *Illinois*.
- ▶ Defended professional sports stadium owner against a \$100+ million claim by a design-assist subcontractor for increased costs of construction, focusing primarily on the management and coordination of experts in highly technical subject matter. *Florida*.
- ▶ Represents and counsels a growing glazing subcontractor in a wide variety of matters, including contracting, dispute management, and litigation. *Illinois*.
- ▶ Defended a steel-erection subcontractor against a \$1.9 million, 16-party lawsuit alleging design and construction defects stemming from a roof collapse at a logistics warehouse in a Chicago suburb. *Illinois*.
- ▶ Represented and counseled multiple government contractors and subcontractors in claims arising from various local-, state-, and federal-agency-funded construction projects. *Illinois*,

EDUCATION

- ▶ Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, J.D., 2016
 - ▶ Managing Editor, *Northwestern University Law Review*
 - ▶ Teaching Assistant, Structuring Transactions for Commercial Real Estate
 - ▶ Environmental Advocacy Center (Bluhm Legal Clinic)
- ▶ University of California, Riverside, B.A., *cum laude*, 2004



RECENT NEWS

- ▶ Laurie & Brennan Attorneys Conduct Mock Trial at CFMA National Conference
- ▶ The Ramifications of Resilient Design
- ▶ 10 Laurie & Brennan Attorneys Earn 2020 Leading Lawyers and Emerging Lawyers Accolades
- ▶ Force Majeure Clauses: As Important Today As Ever

Maryland, Ohio, International.

- ▶ Prosecuted and defended numerous mechanics lien and payment bond claims on behalf of owners, general contractors, and subcontractors in state-court actions. *Illinois*.

Publications



- ▶ Author, "The Ramifications of Resilient Design," *Construction Law Corner* (Spring 2021)
- ▶ Author, "Force Majeure Clauses," *Construction Law Corner* (Fall 2017)
- ▶ Author, "Dissecting Disruption," *Construction Law Corner* (Summer 2017)

Presentations



- ▶ Presenter, "Court Is In Session: Payment and Delay Disputes on Trial" (Mock Trial), Construction Financial Management Association (CFMA) Midwest Regional Program/Oakbrook, IL (2019)

Bar and Court Admissions



- ▶ Illinois, 2016
- ▶ U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, 2019