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Dean is an experienced transactional attorney and litigator who helps a broad array of construction, real estate, manufacturing and other companies identify, pursue and achieve their strategic business objectives. He advises developers, investors, owners, tenants, investment funds, contractors and subcontractors, privately held and family-owned companies, and mid-sized corporations on matters ranging from construction financing, contracts and agreements to lease negotiations and real property acquisitions and sales. A skilled trial and appellate attorney, he also represents parties in American Arbitration Association proceedings, as well as mediation and settlement negotiations.

“Law is my final career — but my area of focus is a direct result of my experience in the construction industry. Prior to becoming a lawyer, I co-owned a company specializing in HVAC systems for commercial, industrial and multi-unit residential buildings. Over the course of almost a decade in that business, I gained extensive industry insight and a passion for the world of construction law.”

In his transactional practice, Dean has drafted, reviewed and modified a wide range of entity- and fund-formation, acquisition, financing and related documents involving commercial and multifamily properties ranging in value from \$500,000 to \$30 million. He regularly drafts and edits commercial leases and contracts, including settlement agreements, indemnifications and Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) filings, as well as construction documents in accordance with AIA standards. Dean also manages eminent domain transactions on behalf of municipal entities.

Dean has extensive experience managing and handling complex litigation, including disputes involving real estate fraud, foreclosures, mechanics' liens, restructurings and workouts of multi-property funds and related special purpose entities, lease terminations and evictions. He guides clients at every step, from conducting initial discovery, taking depositions, preparing witnesses and drafting pre-trial motions to presenting arguments at trial and filing appellate briefs.

Before earning his law degree, Dean was co-owner of a company specializing in HVAC systems and controls. He has also served as owner and manager of several special purpose entities holding investment real estate, and was a futures trader on the floor of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

Education

The John Marshall Law School
J.D., 2009

DePaul University
2003, Certificate of Accounting

Loras College
B.A., 1995

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Professional Organizations

- American Bar Association, Forum on the Construction Industry

Community

Dean is a volunteer for Feed My Starving Children, a Christian non-profit organization that coordinates the packaging and distribution of nutritionally complete meals for malnourished children in developing nations.

Services

Construction Law
Litigation & Dispute Resolution
Real Estate Law

Areas of Focus

Alternative Energy & Green Building
Construction Contracts
Construction Disputes
Construction Industry Insurance, Title Insurance & Surety Bonds
Construction Industry Mergers & Acquisitions
Construction Lending & Development
Construction-Related Bankruptcies & Workouts
Labor & Employment Issues in Construction
Alternative Dispute Resolution
Appellate
Business Disputes
Contract Enforcement & Defense
Commercial Real Estate Leasing
Commercial Real Estate Litigation

Condominium Development & Conversions
Real Estate Finance
Real Estate Development
Real Estate Purchases & Sales