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HOW WE HAVE HELPED

- Project formation and assessments
- Contract drafting and review
- Contract disputes and bid protests
- Alternative dispute resolution/mediation and arbitration
- Trial and appellate cases
- Project delivery system analysis
- Mechanics' liens
- Project finance and bond counsel
- Public service commissions and districts
- Payment bond claims/surety bonds
- Hazardous waste and environmental issues
- Permitting architectural copyright
- Business formation
- Government contracts and regulations
- Legislation and lobbying
- Products liability defense (heavy equipment and machinery)
- Intellectual property
- Occupational safety and health
- Malpractice liability defense
- Risk management
- Workers' compensation

CONSTRUCTION

BUSINESS, LEGAL, AND INDUSTRY KNOW-HOW

Steptoe & Johnson's Construction Team represents architects, engineers, and other design professionals, as well as owners, developers, builders, and trade associations.

The team's goal is to provide practical, cost-effective solutions with an emphasis on the prevention of contractual problems.

Construction Team lawyers frequently collaborate with tax, project finance, environmental, real estate, and governmental agency relations lawyers to provide solutions for clients.

In addition, team lawyers have developed noteworthy experience in the intricacies of construction litigation.

WHAT SETS US APART

- More than 40 areas of practice, allowing for cross-team collaboration
- 90 lawyers recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*®
- Team leader is a fourth generation iron worker

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Gas pipeline construction litigation representing owners and contractors throughout WV, OH, and PA
- Experience handling arbitration defense of contractors against construction defect claims
- Drafted and negotiated custom construction agreements
- Negotiated settlements in multimillion-dollar cases involving wrongful death, product defect, professional malpractice, and construction defect claims
- Prepared construction defect and faulty workmanship coverage opinions for multiple insurers
- Defended owners, contractors, design professionals, and engineers in a variety of construction project disputes ranging from small business and commercial sites to multimillion-dollar industrial plants and facilities