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A partner in Dorsey's trial group, eric helps clients successfully manage disputes so they can focus on their business.

Eric is a commercial litigator who specializes in the area of construction and real estate litigation. He has been litigating complex commercial matters for over 20 years. Eric has litigated matters arising in a wide range of practice areas including construction defect, construction delay, real estate, insurance and other commercial litigation. He has represented clients in arbitration and federal and state courts both at the trial and appellate level.

Select Experience

Construction Litigation

- Represented a global EPC contractor in state court, federal court, bankruptcy and arbitration proceedings concerning a 700 mw supercritical coal fired electric generation plant with claims totaling approximately \$1 billion resulting in a \$74 million award in the client's favor.
- *In Re 35W Bridge Collapse*: Represented a major engineering firm in over 120 lawsuits arising from the 35W Bridge collapse. Settled all lawsuits for a fraction of the plaintiffs' pre-suit demand after successful motion practice.
- Represented Enclos Corporation, a major curtain wall contractor, in construction litigation on various projects, including the Bronx Criminal Courthouse litigation in SDNY in which the owner relinquished its \$120 million dollar claim and agreed to a positive settlement for Enclos.
- *Enclos Corporation v. Dormitory Authority of the State of New York*: Represented contractor in delay claims arising out of the remodeling of the John Jay College of Law. Received significant settlement after defeating owner's motion to dismiss based on contract's no-damage-for-delay clause.

Education

- Harvard Law School (J.D., 2001)
- St. John's University (Minnesota) (B.A., 1998)
 - *summa cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Minnesota
- North Dakota

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

Charitable & Civic Involvement

- Board Member, Legal Rights Center 2009-2019
- Harvard Club of Minnesota 2011-present; President 2017-2019

Accolades

- *Chambers USA*, Construction, Minnesota, 2015-2026
- *Minnesota Super Lawyers*®, 2016-2024, 2026
- *Minnesota Lawyer*, Legal 250, 2026
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Construction Law, Construction Litigation, 2016-2026
- *Minnesota Monthly*, "Top Lawyers in Minnesota," 2014-2026
- *Minnesota Lawyer*, "The Power 30: Construction and Commercial Real Estate Law," 2024
- MSBA, North Star Lawyer, 2012-2019, 2023
- Fellow, Construction Lawyers Society of America
- *Minnesota Super Lawyers*®, "Rising Star," 2009-2012, 204-2015
- *The National Law Journal*, "Twin Cities Counsel to Counsel," 2015
- *Chambers USA*, "Up and Coming," Construction, 2013-2014
- Rated AV Preeminent® by [Martindale-Hubbell](#)®

Select Presentations

- CLE moderator: "Urban Redevelopment," Minnesota State Bar Association, June 2014
- CLE Speaker: "Commercial and Residential Landlord Tenant Law," Sterling Education Services, December 2013
- CLE Speaker: "Legal Issues in Construction and Engineering," Dorsey & Whitney, February 2011
- CLE Speaker and Author: "Construction Defect Litigation: From A to Z," National Business Institute, February 2011
- CLE: Speaker: "Engineering Ethics and the Law," Dorsey & Whitney, August 2009
- CLE: Speaker and author of "Making Construction Laws Simple," National Business Institute, February 2008
- CLE: Speaker and author of "Title Insurance Case Update," Minnesota State Bar Association, March 2006
- CLE: Speaker and author of "Key Construction Contract Provisions," Minnesota State Bar Association, March 2006

Insights

March 29, 2024

Baltimore Bridge Collapse: Construction Partner Eric Ruzicka Interviewed on National Scripps News

March 7, 2024

Preparing Your Construction Project for the Next Federal Government Shutdown

October 11, 2023

Uncertainty Looms: Minneapolis' 2040 Plan Hits (Another) Judicial Roadblock

July 25, 2023

Minnesota Legislature Amends Commercial Eviction Law: What Landlords and Tenants Need to Know

June 21, 2023

Post-Pandemic Update on Commercial Evictions in Minnesota

November 21, 2022

DIG Magazine - Fourth Quarter 2022

April 18, 2022

Eric Ruzicka Comments on Surfside Suits

January 25, 2022

Eric Ruzicka Comments on COVID-19 Force Majeure Clauses

October 19, 2021

Erik Ruzicka Discusses FIU Bridge Collapse Case

September 2, 2021

10 Tips From a Legal Perspective on Rebuilding Efforts Following a Hurricane

June 29, 2021

Eric Ruzicka Comments on Miami Condo Collapse

April 2, 2021

Dorsey Partner Eric Ruzicka Discusses Supply Chain Issues Due to Suez Canal Blockage

April 1, 2021

Suez Canal Blockage to Cause Lasting Construction Delays and Owner-Contractor Disputes

September 1, 2020

Dorsey Partner Eric Ruzicka Comments on Retail Evictions

August 3, 2020

COVID-19's Impact on Commercial Evictions and Landlord-Tenant Relations in Minnesota