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PARTNER

Overview

David Johnson has represented commercial and residential construction owners, developers, architects, construction managers, general contractors, and specialty subcontractors for more than twenty years. He has extensive experience in defending property damage, personal injury, and construction defect claims in mediation, arbitration and litigation. He has lectured on construction claims and construction defect and has prosecuted and defended surety bond and mechanics lien claims.

David's forte in construction litigation is crane accidents involving personal injury and property damage claims under general liability and inland marine policies. In an effort to better understand the technical aspects of the crane and rigging industry, David became a Certified Rigger/Signalperson with extensive training in the crane and rigging disciplines. He defends crane and rigging clients in personal injury, property damage and product liability cases.

David is proficient in OSHA emergency response, compliance and appeals. He presents webinars and seminars and authors articles on OSHA's regulations. He has represented clients in OSHA investigations of fatalities in Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Kansas, and Oklahoma.

Outside the area of construction law, David represents clients in copyright, trademark, and unfair competition litigation that arise out of general liability advertising policies. He obtained a Master's Degree (LL.M.) with honors in intellectual property law in 2001. He has represented clients in cases involving copyright and trademark infringement and unfair trade practices in the United States District Courts for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern District of Wisconsin, and Eastern District of New York.

SERVICES

Construction

Intellectual Property

OSHA

EDUCATION

The John Marshall Law School, LL.M. - Intellectual Property Law, *with honors*

The John Marshall Law School, J.D., *with distinction and Order of John Marshall*

University of Wisconsin-Madison, B.A., *with distinction and distinction in the major*

ADMISSIONS

Illinois

Experience

Secured Settlement in Complex Case Involving Oil Refinery Processing and Financial and Consequential Damages Forensics

Defended a Commercial Building Owner on a Subrogation Claim by a Tenant's Insurance Company Seeking Over \$500,000 in Damages

Obtained Summary Judgment in Favor of Insurer

Membership & Involvement

- Legal Association Memberships: American Bar Association: Forum Committee on the Construction Industry; Defense Research Institute; Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel; Society of Illinois Construction Attorneys; American Bar Association Section on Intellectual Property Law and Subcommittees on copyright and trademark; American Intellectual Property Law Association and Subcommittees on copyright and trademark; Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago and Subcommittees on copyright and trademark; Illinois State Bar Association and Subcommittee on Intellectual Property Law; Chicago Bar Association and Subcommittee on Intellectual Property Law
- Trade & Professional Association Memberships: Specialized Carriers & Rigging Association; Association of Crane & Rigging Professionals: Serves as Member of the Board of Directors, Serves as Chair of the Regulations Committee; Associated Wire Rope Fabricators; American Society of Civil Engineers: Serves as Member of Crane Safety and Construction Committee; American Society of Mechanical Engineers: Serves as Contributing Member on ASME P30: Planning for the Use of Cranes
- Crane & Rigging Training: The Crosby Group, Fundamentals of Rigging, Rigging Trainer Development; Mobile Crane Safety, Crane Institute of America; Mobile Crane Inspector, Crane Institute of America; Rigging Equipment Inspector, Crane Institute of America; Master Rigger, Industrial Training International; Crane Accident Investigation, Industrial Training International
- Fundamentals of Rigging Engineering – Industrial Training International: RE-120-Crane & Derrick Engineering; RE-130-Rigging & Load Handling Equipment; RE-140-Alternative Load Handling Equipment; RE-150-Lift Planning Procedure; RE-160-Specialized Transport; RE-170-Standards & Regulations for Load Handling Equipment

Honors

- Martindale-Hubbell BV® Distinguished™ rated
- Selected to *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Litigation - Insurance: 2021; 2022, 2023

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Firm News

45 SmithAmundsen Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers in America*© 2023
Firm News, August 18, 2022

38 SmithAmundsen Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers in America*© 2022
August 19, 2021

32 SmithAmundsen Attorneys Recognized in *Best Lawyers in America*© 2021
August 20, 2020

Alerts

The New Final Rule Regarding Crane Operator Qualification

OSHA Issues Final Rule on Crane Operator Certification Employer Evaluation

Speaking Engagements

Codes and Standards in Construction Litigation
Society of Illinois Construction Attorneys; Chicago, IL, July 18, 2017

Regulations and Standards: The Legal Realities of Crane Litigation
American Society of Civil Engineers, Construction Institute Summit; Orlando, FL,
March 10, 2016

Construction Law Update, 2014-2015
Society of Illinois Construction Attorneys, Annual Case Law Update, December
2015

OSHA Regulations and ASME Standards for Cranes in Construction
American Society of Civil Engineers CI Summit, November 8, 2012

Crane Risk Management: Assignment of OSHA and ASME Responsibilities for
Crane Operations on Construction Sites
Zurich and ENR Webinar, December 7, 2011

Responsibilities for Crane Operations in Construction: Regulations, Standards,
and Liability
National Association of Surety Bond Producers Webinar, June 28, 2011

Responsibilities for Crane Operations in Construction Under OSHA and ASME
and Their Impact on Crane Litigation
Association of Crane and Rigging Professionals' General Assembly and Workshop,
May 11, 2011

Responsibilities for Crane Operations under OSHA 1926.1400 and ASME
B30.5-2007 and Their Impact on Crane Litigation
Chartis Insurance Company Webinar, April 26, 2011

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Understanding OSHA's New Crane Regulations and ASME's Responsibilities for Crane Operations

Dawes Crane Rental & Rigging, Inc.'s Annual Safety Meeting, February 26, 2011

Crane Litigation Under the New OSHA Rules (1926.1400) and ASME Standards (B30.5-2007)

OSHA's New Crane Regulations Seminar/Webinar, November 8, 2010

Published Works

OSHA Provides Guidance on New Injury Reporting Procedures

Masterlink, Issue 110, 2016

Employer's Responsibility for Training Employees Under 29 C.F.R. 1926.1400

Masterlink, Issue 109, 2016

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