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PARTNER

Overview

Jack works with businesses on all points of the construction spectrum - from small specialty contractors to large national general contractors, developers, owners, design teams, utility companies, insurers, and other professional service providers - to swiftly complete projects while mitigating risk and protecting their rights along the way.

A seasoned litigator, Jack began his career as a plaintiff's attorney, handling hundreds of claims through trial and settlement. This background gives him valuable insight into the motivations, strategies, and goals of his typical opposition now. Since joining Amundsen Davis in 2018, Jack has used that perspective to aggressively and efficiently defend his clients against injury suits, business tort actions, lien and bond claims, employment-related claims, and contract disputes.

As a member of the firm's Construction Service Group, Jack advises his clients on risk mitigation and dispute avoidance through smart contract drafting and negotiation, company policy formations, and regulatory compliance. He teaches OSHA certification classes at the Illinois Construction Safety Counsel, and frequently does presentations to industry groups such as the Underground Contractors Association of Illinois.

Outside of construction services, Jack advises physicians and medical professionals, other individual professional service providers, and independent contractors on contract negotiation and formation, restrictive covenants, and dispute avoidance.

Jack has worked with several founders of start-up litigation finance companies on issues of regulatory compliance and marketing, and writes and speaks on the topic of litigation finance frequently.

SERVICES

Construction

General Liability

OSHA

Workers' Compensation

EDUCATION

Loyola University Chicago
School of Law, J.D., 2014

University of Pittsburgh, B.A.,
2011

ADMISSIONS

Illinois

Jack is the creator and host of *Litigation Nation*, Amundsen Davis's flagship podcast that breaks down important stories in the law, policy, legislation, and litigation. Litigation Nation is among the top 10% most listened to podcasts worldwide, with a growing national and international audience.

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Experience

Won Partial Summary Judgment on Complex Issues of Federal Preemption

Negotiated a Settlement Inclusive of a Licensing and Operating Agreement for a Dispute Between an Operator of Recreational Sporting Facilities and a Sports Technology Company

Successfully Negotiated the Favorable Settlement of a Commercial Leasing Dispute

Obtained a Not Guilty Verdict Before a Jury in a Construction Jobsite Injury Case

Membership & Involvement

- Member: Underground Contractors Association
- Chicago Bar Association: Current Member; Past Executive Board Member of the Young Lawyers' Section

Honors

- Selected to the Illinois Super Lawyers "Rising Stars" list: 2022, 2023

Firm News

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Firm News, February 10, 2023

Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included in the 2023 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars List

Firm News, *Amundsen Davis*, January 23, 2023

SmithAmundsen Promotes Five Attorneys to Partner

Firm News, March 14, 2022

30 SmithAmundsen Attorneys Included on 2022 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists

January 28, 2022

Alerts

New Pending Illinois Legislation Could Impact Potential COVID-19 Exposure Claims

Steps to Take to Prepare for COVID-19 Claims NOW

Speaking Engagements

Reducing and Defending COVID-19 Workers' Compensation Claims
SmithAmundsen, Webcast, December 17, 2020

Published Works

COVID Conundrum
The CLM Magazine, May 21, 2020

Blog Posts

New Changes to Illinois' Wage Payment and Collection Law Seeks to Pressure General Contractors to Become Union Signatory
Labor & Employment Law Update, June 28, 2022

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