Construction Contracts

Construction contracts are unique. To manage risk effectively, you need a skilled legal team that understands the complexities of construction projects and has experience with all types of construction contracts and professional services agreements.

Our team has worked with clients across the country to negotiate and draft contracts on a range of construction and infrastructure projects. Our lawyers advise clients on project delivery and preparing construction-related agreements, including front-end procurement, architectural and design, joint ventures, a variety of construction contracts, and subcontracts. Whether using standard form or customized contracts, our team has the experience and depth of knowledge to provide clear, well-written and effective contracts.

Our team collaborates with lawyers in other specialized areas, including:

- insurance
- disputes
- real estate
- tax
- banking
- competition
- labour and employment
- environmental
- international trade

Our multidisciplinary approach means we can assemble experienced teams to handle even the most complex commercial transactions, such as public-private partnerships (P3s) and alliance financing.

Construction contracts have a myriad of parts. We can assist with the necessary documents for a project's entire life cycle, from procurement to completion.

We also offer advisory services as project counsel for ongoing construction projects, advising on claims and risk management.

We work with owners, general contractors, architects, engineering firms, subcontractors, and sureties.

Experience

- A design-build contractor in a $150 million complex arbitration regarding the design and construction of an Alberta highway infrastructure project. The arbitration involves numerous design and construction claims, as well as a significant schedule impact claim.

- A large North American contractor, the construction manager for a new Alberta hospital. There have been numerous design changes and budget increases, and both the contractor and owner claim to have terminated the contract. Currently, the claims and counterclaims amount to more than $135 million, with further claims anticipated from a number of subcontractors.
- An international EPC contractor in a highly technical dispute related to the design and construction of a large carbon capture plant. We acted as counsel for the contractor in arbitration, prosecuted claims against the owner, and defended counterclaims, in the total amount of $350 million.
- Project and procurement planning advice, and negotiate agreements for implementing new rail transit systems, including procurement structure and process matters, all procurement documents, and the regulatory planning and approvals process involving regulatory agencies at the federal, provincial and municipal levels.

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