Howard Ashcraft

Howard is a skilled litigator with tremendous experience in the construction industry. He is actively involved in developing new approaches to construction project delivery that will avoid many of the issues he has seen over the course of his career. In particular, he has worked as a steering committee member and legal and risk chair of the AIACC's interdisciplinary taskforce on Integrated Project Delivery. He was a contributing author to the AIACC's Integrated Project Delivery: A Working Definition and the joint AIA/AIACC Integrated Project Delivery: A Guide. He also was a co-author to Integrating Project Delivery. These documents reflect the most current thinking regarding use and implementation of collaborative project delivery methods. Howard recently received the president's award from the AIACC for this work.

According to Chambers USA, Howard is Band 1 rated and “has a solid practice representing design professionals and public owners. Like the firm, he is especially praised for his knowledge of IPD-related work. Clients say: He is a very clear-headed attorney who is the country's leading authority on alternative project delivery models in construction.”

In parallel, Howard has been working with the congressionally-chartered National Institute of Building Sciences to develop the National Building Information Modeling Standard. He currently heads the institute's legal and risk sub-group. Building Information Modeling is the use of object-oriented, intelligent databases that not only can use 3D design tools to characterize existing architectural and engineering design, but can be used to explore and manage construction processes, energy optimization, sustainable construction, costs and facility management.

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