Thanksgiving is here! It’s always like the first snowfall – we know it’s coming but it always feels earlier than its supposed to be!

Midwinter Meeting

As you plan your fall, please save the date for our Midwinter meeting in Tucson, Arizona on **January 22-24, 2020**: “2020: A Focused Look at Risk Management in the New Decade.” The practices of design, construction and law have changed

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**Construction Checklists**

*A Guide to Frequently Encountered Construction Issues*

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Each month, we feature one book to add to your bookshelves. Aren’t we all by nature checklist people? Whoa! Do we have the perfect book for you! “Construction Checklists: A Guide to Frequently Encountered Construction Issues” is a unique collection of essential checklists that address virtually every aspect of a construction practice. Take one of those books that has been collecting dust on your bookshelf and replace it with this!

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dramatically in the last 10 years as has the way they intersect. At the risk of sounding nostalgic, it’s clear that we no longer do business the way we used to. Please join us in sunny Tucson, Arizona (right in the middle of winter!) for an in-depth discussion of the risks in this new era as well as a discussion of future trends. Litigators, transactional lawyers, in-house counsel and outside counsel will all benefit from this meeting. Experienced attorneys and leaders in the industry will explore topics including the role of expanding technology and cyber security, and changes in risk assessment and management related to such changes. Plenary sessions will include cutting-edge topics such as the risks raised by using high-tech tools including augmented reality and artificial intelligence, and risks related to new trends in litigation management, e-discovery and labor and employment developments. We are thrilled to welcome three national speakers: Futurist Simon J. Anderson, ABA President Judy Martinez, and ENR’s 2019 Award of Excellence recipient Vicki O’Leary. Tucson in January calls you – please take the call!

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**Trial Academy**

Please also save the date for our upcoming Trial Academy, in Dallas, Texas on **March 4-7, 2020**. A Forum tradition, you will receive real-time advice from some the country’s best construction trial attorneys and participate in interactive teaching sessions on trial skills and tricks of the trade!

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**Diversity Scholarships**

Who’s In Charge Anyway?

The Forum’s Governing Committee and the Forum’s Chair, Kristine Kubes (kristine@kubeslaw.com) are glad to reply to any and all (reasonable) questions you have! Keep them reasonable, people, or you too may have to testify in front of Congress!

A Real Website

When is the last time you looked at our website at www.ambar.org/constructionlaw. If it was more than an hour ago, you’re missing all kinds of bells and whistles! Once you’ve checked out the site, please email any comments and ideas to the Forum’s website and technology gatekeeper, Ted Laperouse ted.laperouse@laperouselaw.com, or the Forum's Technology Committee Chair and wizard, Keith Bergeron at kbergeron@deutschkerrigan.com

Searchable Knowledge Database

With one click (one click!), you can search every single matter, issue, and topic that ever existed from the very first construction project in the universe from the beginning of time through today related to construction law! How do we even do that?

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Forum Podcasts

The Forum is seeing great success with
The Forum is awarding six Diversity Scholarships for the Midwinter Meeting that will cover the cost of registration. These scholarships are awarded to women and minority construction lawyers, construction lawyers with disabilities, and construction lawyers from the LGBT community. Individuals who would like to be considered should submit a copy of their resume together with a short letter describing their construction law practice, along with reasons why they want to attend the Midwinter meeting. If selected, candidates must commit to attend the program! Questions and/or applications for the scholarships should be sent directly to the Chair of the Forum’s Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Nick Holmes, at nholmes@devinemillimet.com.

But, please don’t delay! The deadline for applications is December 6, 2019.

Diversity Fellowship Applications

The Forum’s fellowship program encourages diverse construction lawyers to join the ranks of active, long-term Forum members, and we’re looking for diverse construction lawyers who have demonstrated interest in the Forum to join the ranks of our leadership. The Forum awards up to six (6) three-year fellowships each spring. Fellows receive a number of benefits including waiver of registration fees for the Forum’s three annual meetings, reimbursement of reasonable travel and accommodation expenses to attend the Forum’s Annual Meeting held each spring, and waiver of Forum membership dues. Additionally, Fellows are given the opportunity to join the steering committee of one of the Forum’s fourteen (14) divisions! What’s the catch? There is none, but the application deadline is Friday, January 31, 2020! For more information, please contact Lori Baggett at lbaggett@carltonfields.com. Please see the attached link for all details.

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**Building for Good**

Please check out the Forum’s latest charitable endeavor – Building for Good! B4G is a national, web-based platform linking nonprofits and charities with skilled, volunteer construction lawyers. We have started by launching programs in Massachusetts, Florida, New Jersey, and Minnesota. B4G will help organizations in need of construction law assistance find qualified, local attorneys to provide pro bono construction law services. Click below for more information!

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**Division Highlights**

As was clear at the Fall Meeting, the divisions literally are the heart of the Forum! There are no fewer than 13 divisions to choose from in addition to the Young Lawyers Division and if you are not already a member you should be! Please check out the homepage for all thirteen Divisions and YLD right here.

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**Health and Wellness**

We continue to highlight health and wellness tips by popular demand in this corner of the Flash! Everyone’s too busy, but who doesn’t have one minute? This month’s video is literally one minute long: “Physical Therapy – Exercises at Your Desk”? This will help your overall well-being! Guaranteed or your money back!

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