Leadership Roundtable Series on COVID-19 – Resources

April 7th, 2020  **INAUGURAL SESSION: IMPACT ON CONSTRUCTION AND NAVIGATING LEGALITIES WEBINAR**
This program will discuss the current impact on construction job sites and the various impacts both short term and long term. We will review best practices for dealing with various issues arising from COVID and explore the most prevalent problems and concerns that contractors are facing during the crisis. The session will serve as both a moderated panel discussion about critical issues as well as an open forum for attendee questions and knowledge sharing.
Moderator: Frank Guinta, HKA
Panelists:
- Michael T. Kamprath, *Tampa International Airport Authority*
- Leslie King O’Neal, *Brasfield & Gorrie, General Contractors*
- Robbie MacPherson, *Gibbons, PC*

**SUMMARY**

April 14th, 2020  **FINANCING AND CASH FLOW WEBINAR**
The construction industry is entering new territory as the COVID-19 crisis progresses. Project shutdowns, delays, supply-chain and other disruptions present unprecedented challenges to owners and contractors alike. What are the best strategies to manage the project budget and cash flows through these turbulent times?
Moderated by David Bones, HKA.
Speakers:
- Chris Dunn, *Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis, Nashville, TN*
- John Finch, CEO of *PBG Builders, Nashville, TN*
- Brett Lamb, *Austin Industries*
- Reed D. Sellers, CPA CCIFP, *Wipfli LLP*

**SUMMARY**

April 21st, 2020  **CONSTRUCTION WORKFORCE AND EMPLOYMENT CHALLENGES WEBINAR**
The Covid-19 crisis has created an unprecedented array of labor and employment challenges for all stakeholders in the construction industry. Our panel will discuss the various government responses, including the CARES Act and Paycheck Protection Program along with job-site safety, retention, furloughs, hiring, among other topics. The panel will also discuss anticipated labor challenges when construction resumes to a normal pace.
Moderated by Kim Reome, HKA
Panelists:
- Jessica Hill, Esq., *Dave O’Mara Contractor, Inc.*
- Danny Jarrett, *Jackson Lewis*
- Andrea Woods, *Nabholtz*

**SUMMARY**

April 28th, 2020  **BUILDERS’ RISK, BUSINESS INTERRUPTION AND OTHER INSURANCE QUESTIONS.**
Is there coverage for the Covid-19? This program will address questions surrounding insurance coverages for owners, contractors and subcontractors. What are the key factors that will shape coverage determinations, how will coverage disputes play out and how construction and project-related insurance might change going forward.
Moderated by Timothy Chitester, HKA
Panelists:
- Mark Michael Bell, *Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis LLP*
- Amy Iannone, *DPR Construction*
- Tamika Puckett, *City of Chicago*
- Jaco Sadie, *FTI Consulting*

**SUMMARY**

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May 5th, 2020  **PUBLIC PROJECTS – WHAT’S HAPPENING NOW? WHAT’S AHEAD FOR NEW PROJECTS?**
This program will address the unique aspects of public projects and public contracts relating to the crisis. How public projects are handled due to Covid-19 varies from state to state. This panel will take a broad view and discuss how different states are handing essential vs. non-essential construction.
Moderator:  Kristen Rectenwald Wang, Senior Attorney, City of Atlanta, Department of Law
Panelists:
Mike Burnett, Senior Vice President, Holder Construction
Peter Hahn, Benesch Friedlander Coplan & Aronoff
Tom Nissalke, Assistant General Manager, Planning & Development, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport
Richard Sieracki, Partner, HKA

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May 12th, 2020  **FORCE MAJEURE, SUPPLY CHAIN DISRUPTION, DELAYS AND CLAIMS**
Our panel will address the immediate impacts of the crisis such as, supply chain disruption, excusable delays, suspension, force majeure and adjustments to the project budget and schedule. This session will cover the range of contract and legal remedies and claims that are certain to be features of the construction landscape for the foreseeable future.
Moderator: Chris Beirise, HKA
Panelists:
Rhonda Caviedes, Jacobs
Anthony Gonzales, Spire Consulting Group
Kristen Sherwin, Winstead PC
Tracy Steedman, Adelburg Rudow

**SUMMARY**

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May 19th, 2020  **WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? LESS IN-PERSON COLLABORATION? LEARNING CURVE ON TECH IN BUSINESS AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION.**
All things have a beginning, middle and end. This crisis will end. But we don’t know when, and we don’t know what it will look like or what it will require. The last panel discussion will be a capstone of the first round of the ABA Forum on Construction Law’s Leadership Roundtable series, and will discuss how construction stakeholders should prepare for resuming construction in the new normal. If safety requires less in-person collaboration, what other changes will the market sectors need to make to get their respective jobs done? What types of claims may arise and how can we best mitigate potential claims now? This session will be forward-looking, not only anticipating risks, but also outlining potential opportunities to improve processes and protocol.
Moderated by: Frank Giunta, President, Americas, HKA
Panelists:
Lisa Glahn, Foley & Lardner
Tracy James, Hamilton Stephens Steele + Martin PLLC
Robert MacPherson, Gibbons PC.
Leslie O’Neal, Associate General Counsel, Brasfield & Gorrie LLC

**SUMMARY**

**RECORDING**
June 9th, 2020  **RESILIENCE: A KEY TO SURVIVAL IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY**

Resilience has become a critical core competency in 2020 – for business as well as individuals. What does resilience look like in construction and design during and after COVID-19? What tools can you use to overcome obstacles, minimize risk, and support resilience for yourself and your business? Join the panel to discuss key elements of resilience— including technology, wellness, finance, inclusion/diversity, and re-thinking sustainability.

Moderator:  Kristine Kubes, *Kubes Law Office, PLLC; Chair, ABA Forum on Construction*

Panelists:
Renny Borhan, *CEO, HKA Global Inc.,*
Bob Carlson, *Corette Black Carlson & Mickelson, P.C.; Immediate Past President, American Bar Association*
Bryant Farland, *Corporate Senior Vice President, Skanska USA*
Pamela Radtke Russell, *Deputy Editor, ENR*

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June 16th, 2020  **A/E FIRMS: RESPONDING TO THE IMPACT OF COVID-19**

Join our Panel for a roundtable discussion focused on the unique aspects of how COVID-19 is affecting architectural and engineering firms and the impact on the industry as a whole. Our program will feature a discussion of how A/E firms have adapted operations to accomplish project goals while maintaining safety and social distancing throughout the workforce, i.e. What firms need to do to “design for distance”. Our Panel will also address current and future market conditions, and how and why design and design standards may change to meet the new challenges presented by COVID-19. Many businesses have invested heavily in renovations to create large, open spaces with few offices. Upon returning to offices firms will likely need to be distant for some time. What impacts will there be on real estate, leasing and property issues? This session will cover the range of design-related issues that are certain to impact the A/E industry for years.

Moderator:  Michael Scheffler, *Partner, Blank Rome*

Panelists:
David Flanders, *Associate VP, Attorney Group Leader and Senior Attorney, HNTB*
Elisabeth Malsch, *Structural Engineer and Practice Lead, Forensics, Thornton Tomasetti*
Kim McCarron, *Principal, SOSH Architects*
Lusanna Ro, *VP and Senior Assistant General Counsel, AECOM*

**SUMMARY**

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June 23rd, 2020  **SURETY CONSTRUCTION RELATIONSHIPS UNDER COVID-19**

Please join our distinguished Panel for a discussion about the impacts of COVID-19 and related economic impacts on sureties and contractors. We will consider the latest developments from both the claims and underwriting perspectives, and our Panelists will offer insights on current surety market trends.

Moderator:  Rick Moffat, *Partner and Head of Operations, Canada, HKA*

Panelists:
Matt Lubin, *Senior Vice President, & Surety Chief Underwriting Officer, Chubb Group of Companies*
Art Nalbandian, *Vice President & Managing Counsel, Chubb*
Ron Williams, *Partner, Fox Rothschild LLP*
Doug Wills, *Vice President & Surety Claims Manager, Chubb*
Kenny Young, *Assistant Vice President, JS Held*

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June 30th, 2020

INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES: COVID-19 IMPACTS ON CROSS-BORDER DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

Is it still a small world after all? Please join our distinguished panel for a focused discussion on how the pandemic and related economic disruptions, travel limitations, and border closures have affected international design and construction and cross-border relationships among industry stakeholders. Our panel will offer perspectives on the current situation and insights about what lies ahead for current and future projects, as well as international dispute resolution. Don’t miss this free roundtable Webinar!

Moderator: Frank Giunta, Partner and President, Americas, HKA Global, Inc

Panelists:
Jerry Brodsky, Senior Partner, Peckar & Abramson, P.C.
Roberto Hernández García, Partner, COMAD, S.C.
Wendy Venoit, Partner, Hinckley Allen
Richard Wong, Partner, Osler Hoskin & Harcourt, LLP, Chair, International Division

SUMMARY

September 15th, 2020

IF THERE’S A SILVER LINING, WHERE’S THE PLAYBOOK?

Contrarian investors and companies find opportunities in good times and bad. More than half a year into the COVID-19 crisis what sectors of the economy are prospering in spite or because of the pandemic? How will these developing trends shape the future of the construction economy and determine? Join our Panel to gain insights into how COVID-19 is shaping our economy.

Moderator: Frank Giunta, Partner and President, Americas, HKA Global, Inc

Panelists:
Mitchell Marcus, Managing Director / National Director, JLL
Ken Simonson, Chief Economist, The Associated General Contractors of America
Michael J. Vardaro, Managing Partner, Zetlin & De Chiara LLP

SUMMARY

September 22nd, 2020

THE SEVEN MONTH ITCH: PANDEMIC FATIGUE AND THE AEC WORK FORCE

Labor and employment challenges for all stakeholders in the construction and design industry continues. Our panel will discuss the latest developments in government responses, updates on Paycheck Protection Program along with job-site safety, retention, and working from home, among other topics.

Moderator: Rob Ruesch, Partner, Verrill

Panelists:
Jodi Taylor, Associate General Counsel, Brasfield and Gorrie
Erin Ebeler Rolf, Partner, Woods Aitken
Oded Sten, Chief Commercial Officer for The Conti Group

SUMMARY

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September 29th, 2020  **VIRTUAL MEDIATION.**

How has virtual mediation changed the dispute resolution process? Will we ever go back to in-person mediation? What’s better about virtual mediation? What are the drawback? Our Panel will discuss these questions and provide insights into evolving approaches to ADR.

Moderator:
Lynne Baker, *Executive Consultant, HKA Global*

Panelists:
Mark Joseph Heley, Heley Duncan & Melander, PLLP, Minneapolis, MN
Giselle Leonardo, Giselle Leonardo, P.A., Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Deborah Bovarnick Mastin, *Law Office of Deborah Mastin, PLLC, Miami, FL*

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