Someone recently told me they feel like they are waiting in a waiting room without knowing what they are waiting for! To those of you who feel the same way, this too will pass! Slowly but surely, albeit with some small differences (that would be the "new" new normal), that which has been closed will soon be open. In the meantime, go slowly, be safe, and be well!

**Pandemic**

For more on the ABA's response to the pandemic, please check out these links and in our Health and Wellness corner:

- ABA homepage
- Coronavirus legal/ABA news from the ABA Journal and ABA Media Relations
- List of cancelled ABA meetings

**Book of the Month!**

As our Flash readers know, we feature one book each month in this corner of the Flash! This month we are featuring the brand-new "The Construction Contracts Book" (3rd Edition). The book provides an easy-reference guide to how the AIA, ConsensusDOCS, and Engineers Joint Contract Documents Committee forms treat the most significant issues in owner–contractor–subcontractor and owner–design professional agreements; and includes proposed alternative language for situations
Save The Date

We will be meeting again soon! Please save the following date of October 23-25, 2020 for our upcoming Fall Meeting!!

Leadership Roundtable

Please join us as we continue our Leadership Roundtable Series on COVID-19 Impacts on the Construction Industry. The Forum created this Roundtable for company leaders and lawyers to address the impacts of COVID-19 on their businesses, and how to manage related risks. If you missed the first run of the Roundtable, you can find summaries and recordings at the link below! The next Roundtable series begins Tuesday, June 9, at 4 PM ET and continues through the month of June. Sessions will address such topics as resiliency as a critical competency, design-side issues and international business across closed borders. Please save these dates, share the news with your industry clients, and join us! Check the Forum site and social media in coming weeks for registration data.

Learn More →

Upcoming Webinar

Please save June 23, 2020 1-2:30 PM ET for our next upcoming webinar: “The Most Important Changes in the 2019 AIA Construction Manager Documents”, which is being co-sponsored by the AIA. In 2019, the American Institute of Architects ("AIA") released updated versions of its construction management family of documents, including the Construction Manager as Constructor ("CMc") and the Construction Manager as Advisor ("CMa") documents. The ABA Forum and the AIA have assembled an expert panel to pull back the curtain and explore certain key changes, the basis for the changes, and how they are being interpreted and applied in the industry, including the individuals who were integrally involved in drafting these documents. Whether you are a construction lawyer, consultant, or an industry practitioner, you won't want to miss this important program!

Who’s in Charge Anyway?

The Forum’s Chair, Kristine Kubes (kristine@kubeslaw.com) and the Forum’s Governing Committee continue to work hard during this downtime and will reply to all of your questions (on topic people!) Keep those emails coming!

A Real Website

Instead of surfing around online while you’re at home working, please check out our super fresh website! Please email your best 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

It remains the case that you can search every topic from the first construction law project through today!

Click Here →

Forum on Construction Law Election Results!

The Forum on Construction Law conducted election of its officers and governing committee members via electronic polling on April 24, 2020, per its prior notice. Thank you to all
Under Construction

Want to get published? Under Construction’s editorial team is ready to accept your articles – only 1,000 – 1,500 words or less! Easy stuff! The current issue can be viewed here. Be on the lookout for the next edition in early August. Also, be sure to join Under Construction’s ABA Connect Page. To learn more about these opportunities contact Under Construction’s Editor (Tom Dunn) or Associate Editor (Neal Sweeney).

Construction Lawyer

Please also check out one of the Forum’s other main publications, Construction Lawyer. Please keep sending great ideas for articles to both Editor John Foust at jfoust@rallsgruber.com and Associate Editor Lauren Catoe at Lauren.catoe@aecom.com. It’s time to put pen to paper, people!

Division Highlights

The divisions are the Forum! In addition to the Young Lawyers Division, there are 13 divisions to choose from if you are not already a member of one or more, you definitely should be! Please check out the homepage for all thirteen Divisions and YLD Forum members who voted! Heartiest of all congratulations to these great members who will be serving the Forum for the next three years in their new posts, effective September 1, 2020.

Forum Podcasts

So much buzz it’s often confused with actual hives! Check out the Forum’s new podcast: Construction Law Today, which covers current topics in construction law in short episodes and is hosted by the Forum’s own Buzz Tarlow. Each episode focuses on a relevant topic for the construction law practitioner with specific emphasis on issues that affect all parties in the construction process including owners, contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, architects, engineers, and lenders.

Forum Social Media

Like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter and Instagram and join our LinkedIn page! The Forum is everywhere!

Forum Calendar

Please click for below the Forum’s calendar to help you stay organized!
Building for Good

We encourage you to explore the Forum’s latest charitable endeavor Building for Good (“B4G”). B4G is a national, web-based platform linking nonprofits and charities with skilled, volunteer construction lawyers. We already have launched programs in Massachusetts, Florida, New Jersey, and Minnesota. B4G is helping organizations in need of construction law assistance find qualified, local attorneys to provide pro bono construction law services.

Learn More ➔

Food Bank

We’ll be asking you to donate soon enough! We are at $99,229 across 24 meetings, and thank you for making this a tradition! Now more than ever!!

Health and Wellness

These are trying times but you are not alone!

The American Bar Association’s Committee on Lawyers Assistance Programs has created a landing page of resources related to COVID-19. There are resources on Law Practice Management, Staying Mentally Healthy, and more. Check them out: here.
To get free confidential, 24/7 support for anxiety, text "HOME" to the Crisis Text Line at 741741. The Crisis Text Line has resources for people of all ages who are feeling anxious or isolated during this time, and would prefer to communicate via text. Learn more.

The CDC has published a Guide on Managing Anxiety and Stress during the Covid-19 outbreak. This page has resources for everyone, including families and children.

Please also check out the ABA's Well – Being Toolkit below.

Stay safe! Be well!

Learn More →