It's been a strange summer, but it's not over yet! Here's to you enjoying every last-minute of fun in the sun!

**Pandemic**

The ABA's response to the pandemic has been amazing. Please continue to check out our Health and Wellness corner below.

- ABA homepage
- Coronavirus legal/ABA news from the ABA Journal and ABA Media Relations
- List of cancelled ABA meetings
- Wide array of pandemic-themed legal resources from the Law Practice Division and Committee on Disaster Response and Preparedness

**Upcoming Webinar**

**Chair's Message**

As we wind up our 2019-2020 Bar Year, we can look back with gratitude for all the progress we made and the opportunities for service and growth that we have had. We hosted a first-ever summit on inclusion, diversity and professionalism that led the industry on this important dialogue. We welcomed a new decade and learned about how to manage risk in its new forms these days. We hosted a hugely successful Sticks & Bricks regional program and Trial Academy. We published two books on contracts and CM documents – have you
Co-Sponsored by ConsensusDocs

Title: Become the Master of Your Master Construction Subcontract Agreements

Day: Thursday, September 24, 2020

Time: 1-2:30pm ET

Description: This webinar will explore the development and usage of subcontract master agreements in the construction industry with a focus on risk allocation, advantages and potential pitfalls for construction attorneys and their clients.

Speaker: Kevin Peartree
Firm: Ernstrom & Dreste

Speaker: Kristen L. Wendler
Firm: Farhang & Medcoff

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Fall Meeting Postponed

Due to the pandemic, the ABA and the Forum on Construction Law made the difficult decision to postpone this year’s Fall Meeting scheduled for October 21-23, 2020 in Memphis, TN. In a return to normalcy, please rest assured that we will be meeting again soon! Watch our website for details!

Please Also Save the Following Dates:

- Midwinter Meeting January 20-22, 2021;
- Regional Meeting February 26, 2021;
- Annual Meeting April 21-24, 2021;
- Fall Meeting October 13-15, 2021

bought yours yet?

I want to thank my fellow Officers, the Forum Governing Committee, Committee Chairs, Division Chairs, and Editors for all of their support and leadership that we accomplished this year. My special thanks to Cathy Altman, Keith Bergeron, Ed Gentilcore, and Tracy Steedman who served as GC Liaisons to my programs this year; all of my program co-chairs: Meredith Philipp and Kevin Walsh, Danny Jarrett and Kristen Sherwin, Erin Banks and Jeremy Brummond, Kelsey Funes and Chris Burke, and Diane Utz and Rob Ruesch; and Tamara Harrington and Patricia Harris – and all the Forum staff – for their excellent work producing our Forum programming and helping us do our Forum work.

We also cannot help but reflect on how the world has changed and compelled us to become more resilient and creative in maintaining our home life and our work life. These have been extraordinary times, indeed. The Forum has been working hard in the face of these challenges to continue to provide members with relevant information, education, and opportunities to connect.

- We created the COVID-19 Leadership Roundtable, a free weekly call for leaders and lawyers in construction and design. The Roundtable ran weekly from April through June and provided a forum for discussion in which over 300 people participated! Sessions resume September 15. You can see the list of the next sessions here. Please be sure to attend.

- We are also increasing distance learning CLE. Watch the Forum
Forum Diversity & Inclusion Brunch

Stay connected and improve your understanding of diversity and inclusion issues affecting the law, construction, and design. Mark your calendars for the third Thursday of every month and join us!

Learn More ⟷

Forum Leadership Roundtable on COVID Impacts

The next round of meetings in the free Leadership Roundtable series run Sept. 15, 22, and 29 at 4 p.m. ET. Mark your calendars, tell your clients, and join us!

Learn More ⟷

Construction Law, Second Edition

Law Professors, your students qualify for a 30% discount on Construction Law, Second Edition through the month of September.

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Under Construction

What better activity could there be than practicing social distancing while writing an article for one of our main publications? Please click here to find the latest spring issue of Under Construction. Editor Tom Dunn (rtdunn@PierceAtwood.com) and Associate Editor Neal J. Sweeney (nsweeney@joneswalker.com) remain on the prowl for ideas for publication, and Under Construction’s editorial team is ready to accept your articles of 1,000 to 1,500 words or less! Time to be published, people!

Who’s in Charge Anyway?

The Forum’s Governing Committee and Chair continue to work hard during these unprecedented times and will reply to all of your questions (on topic people!). Keep those emails.
Please also check out one of the Forum’s other main publications, *Construction Lawyer*. With so many of us still working from home, there is certainly enough time to pen an article! 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.

**Forum Divisions**

The Forum’s Divisions are designed to put you in touch with fellow practitioners of specific areas of Construction Law. Any member of the Forum on Construction Law may join as many divisions as they wish. Join Divisions today!

**Division Highlights**

The divisions are the Forum!! We have 13 divisions plus the Young Lawyers Division for a total of 14 divisions, and each one comes with its own bells and whistles! If you are not already a member of one or more, you should be! Please check out the homepage for all thirteen Divisions and YLD right below.

**A Real Website**

Instead of watching golden retriever TikTok videos, and shopping online while you’re working from home, please check out our fresh website www.ambar.org/constructionlaw! 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 very first construction law project through the ones you’re working on today!

**Forum Podcasts**

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 details a relevant topic for the construction law practitioner and buzzes (did you see what we did
Building for Good ("B4G") is the Forum’s latest charitable endeavor! B4G is a national, web-based platform linking nonprofits and charities with skilled, volunteer construction lawyers and helps organizations in need of construction law assistance find qualified, local attorneys to provide pro bono construction law services. We already have programs in Massachusetts, Florida, New Jersey, and Minnesota!

Click below for more information!

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there?) with specific emphasis on issues that affect all parties in the construction process including owners, contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, architects, engineers, and lenders.

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Forum Social Media

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

Forum Calendar
Health and Wellness

These are trying times but please know that you are not alone! As the pandemic continues, please check out these resources:

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!

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