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Areas of Law

Construction and Surety
Construction Litigation
Litigation
Real Estate
Real Estate Litigation

Bar Admissions

Minnesota, 1976
United States District Court, Minnesota
Wisconsin, 1982
North Dakota, 2016
United States District Court, North Dakota

Education

University of Minnesota Law School,
Minneapolis, MN; 1976, J.D.

University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, MN; 1972,
B.A. American Studies
magna cum laude

James K. Sander

James Sander is currently a member of the Construction Litigation section of Larkin Hoffman's Real Estate Litigation Group with special emphasis in construction litigation, mechanic liens and surety bond claims. Applying 40 years of experience, Mr. Sander works with clients in the construction industry as an adviser and advocate.

Mr. Sander works closely with Minnesota and national suppliers and contractors, consulting and advising on contract, construction law and construction defect issues and a particular emphasis on mechanics lien and surety bond law in Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota.

Mr. Sander also authors the Protecting Payment Series on the Larkin Hoffman Real Estate and Construction Blog. This series focuses on the means and methods businesses in the construction industry use to protect their right to payment. He touches on issues of contracts, collections, construction liens and the corresponding interests of the developers and property owners who build. Although Mr. Sander is writing from Minnesota, the series focuses on a broader application allowing readers anywhere in the country to benefit.

Representative Experience:

- Prepared, recorded and enforced hundreds of mechanics lien and surety bond claims for construction industry clients in Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota over a period of 40 years.
- Has taken multiple mechanic's lien cases from consultation to lien recording through mediation, trial and Sheriff's foreclosure sale.
- Counsel for lien claimant in the trial and appeal of a mechanics lien priority dispute in *NewMech Companies Inc vs Grove Hospitality LLC et al.* in the Minnesota Court of Appeals, A11-1346 (2012).
- Counsel for bond claimant in payment surety bond case; *Victor Osfar d/b/a Efficient Exteriors v Old Republic Surety Company Energy* in the Minnesota Court of Appeals C4-96-16 (1996).
- Consulting expert for Plaintiff in *Ryan Contracting Co v O'Neill & Murphy*, 883 N.W. 2d 236 (Minn. 2016).
- Trained and experienced as a neutral mediator and arbitrator as well as representing clients in mediation and arbitration.
- Past Board Member and Chair of the Construction Law Section of the Minnesota State Bar Association.

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- Speaker for Minnesota Continuing Legal Education seminars on multiple occasions on topics of mechanics lien law and alternative remedies for the construction industry.
- Speaker for National Business Institute, Lorman Education Services, Sterling Education Services and other continuing education providers on multiple occasions on construction law, liens, and surety bond topics.
- Speaker to industry organizations including Associated General Contractors of Minnesota, Minnesota Underground Contractors Association, Minnesota Mechanical Contractors Association, Builders Association of the Twin Cities, Rochester Area Builders Association, National Association of Credit Management on a variety of construction law topics including Minnesota mechanics lien law.