

About the Firm

John Caravella received his Bachelor of Science in Architectural Technology and has over ten years' working experience in the field, with a concentration on high-end residential design and construction. Mr. Caravella gained his experience working in some of the most respected architectural firms from Manhattan to the Hamptons, ultimately serving as a project architect.

After earning his Juris Doctorate and admission to all state courts in New York and Florida, Mr. Caravella has focused his career on the legal needs of design professionals, contractors, architects, and project owners for over ten years.

The Law Offices of John Caravella, P.C., provide a full range of legal services in contract and architectural matters including non-payment from clients, contractor disputes, the review, preparation, and negotiation of contracts, litigation, liens and bond claims. These services are provided with an understanding of the architecture industry and challenges facing architects that only personal experience can provide.

This firm's mission is to help those with architectural concerns resolve their legal issues or dispute quickly, and in a cost effective manner. Mr. Caravella's ability to provide experienced legal representation allows his clients to receive undivided personal attention to their matters. At the same time, the firm's extensive legal and construction contacts provide the firm the ability to bring in specialized assistance when called for, depending on the size of the project or dispute.

Our law firm has a policy of offering a free no-obligation confidential phone consultation to see if we may be able to assist you.

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CONSTRUCTION EXPERIENCE, LEGAL EXPERTISE



**Construction Law
For Contractors**

Contract Negotiation

Whenever possible, we seek to have our clients avoid the need for litigation by reviewing and drafting construction contracts with a straightforward approach that minimizes potential misunderstandings and disputes pro-actively. Whether standard AIA documents or custom developed documents, the Law Offices of John Caravella, P.C., are pleased to review, negotiate, and draft construction contracts for our clients.

There are times, however, when a dispute will arise despite a well-written construction contract. At this time it may be necessary to enforce a client's position under a contract, whether by litigation, arbitration or mediation. This practice is positioned to respond to whatever representation our clients may require.

Construction Management

The primary challenge of construction management is to achieve the project goals and objectives while honoring the project's constraints. Typical construction project constraints are scope, time, and budget. These constraints make a well-drafted contract essential. This firm will work with you to provide customized contracts to ensure the most successful and legally protected construction management projects, whether AIA standardized or custom developed agreements.

Construction Litigation

Construction projects today are complex operations. The construction methods used, the technology required, and the number of participants involved results in a complicated web of obligations and liability.

When claims arise in this environment they likewise make for complex matters of litigation. These types of cases call for a construction attorney who not only is aware of the latest trends in this field of construction law, but who also understands the materials and methods of construction involved.

These types of actions are not limited to large-scale commercial projects alone. They also may be present in cases relating to single family residences as well. The firm remains available to represent not only the commercial property owner, but also to represent the individual homeowner.

The firm focuses its attention to construction related matters and litigation to best maximize its experience and connections for the benefit of the client's objectives, and prides itself on having developed long-term relationships with its clients.

Contractor Disputes

New York hosts a large community of contractors and sub-contractors who work hard to provide workmanship of the highest quality. Unfortunately there are also situations where a few 'bad apples' may spoil the reputation of the bunch. This law firm has a strong history in providing for the legal needs contractors and sub-contractors on both private and public projects.

Some of the common issues that arise include: payment disputes quality of the work, the timely completion of work, and whether the work that

is in dispute was included within the contract. Additionally, disagreements may arise regarding payment for extra work, and disputes arising as to whether work fell within the scope of the original agreement or constituted extra work. There can also be issues regarding whether the owner knew of or approved the extra work.

Construction Supplier Disputes

For an unpaid construction supplier, allegations of poor quality supplies can damage their reputation within the community. Our construction law firm represents those who supply equipment and materials to construction projects who are facing non-payment.

The firm advocates for construction suppliers and is prepared to aggressively defend them as required, including the filing of Mechanic's Liens if a bill goes unpaid. Since the law may limit your time in seeking payment for materials supplied to construction projects, the firm urges suppliers to seek professional guidance quickly in these matters to determine if pursuing legal action is the correct action.

Arbitration Proceedings

Arbitration is commonly called for in construction contracts today. Often the underlying issues are complex and require the same technically based representation as if the issue were tried in court. The firm's understanding of the rules and processes of arbitration proceedings allow you to have peace of mind throughout the process. Similar to litigation, the firm will use its experience in handling these matters to maximize its client's position.

This area of law is known to be very complex with various intricacies, allow the Law Offices of John Caravella P.C. to handle your case with care and precision.