

CONSTRUCTION & DESIGN



We understand that construction projects require detailed plans upfront and careful oversight throughout the process to ensure positive outcomes. The construction law attorneys at Husch Blackwell provide comprehensive legal services that are essential to protect the interests of owners, developers, designers, contractors, lenders, insurers, and other stakeholders.

Clients turn to us for strategic guidance in their transactional and litigation matters. We advise on contract drafting and negotiation, claims management, insurance issues, and labor relations. When issues cannot be resolved, our attorneys are skilled in alternative dispute resolution and litigation.

Our guidance to clients in the construction and design sector includes:

Alternative project delivery methods

Construction defects

Cost overruns

Defective designs

False Claims Act

Federal and state government contracts

Inspection and observation

Joint venture agreements

The Husch Blackwell team is very solution-oriented and suggests alternatives. Very prompt in responding and keeping up with deal schedules. Always high quality, with no exceptions. Good coverage on a range of topics. Always on top of deals and schedules.

— Senior vice president, construction management company —

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Mechanic's liens

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

Payment disputes

Post-construction claims

Pre-award advice and counsel

Project closeout

Property damage

Public-private partnerships (P3s)

Small business, MBE and DBE issues

Teaming agreements

Experience

\$2M Client Savings

\$22.5M Client Savings

\$2.9M Client Savings

Representative Experience

Aided client Milhaus in securing both a real property tax abatement and a sales tax exemption on construction materials for a \$73.8 million project consisting of five buildings on 4.3 acres, the largest redevelopment plan in the East Crossroads area of Kansas City, Missouri.

Represented general contractor alleged by a state university to have failed to properly execute the construction of a

university hospital. Plaintiff demanded \$9.45 million. Our team persuaded seven subcontractors and their bonding companies to pay the majority of the funds needed for settlement. Our client was responsible for paying only a very small fraction of the settlement amount.

Assisted H&R Block in moving its corporate headquarters, a project involving \$150 million in financing, the purchase of real estate from Kansas City, Missouri, and state and local incentives.

Assisted MasterCard in the development, construction, and financing of a 500,000 square-foot global operations and technology center. Negotiation of a complex leasing structure designed to facilitate tax abatement assistance also was involved. The project later earned a LEED Gold rating for its sustainable practices and features.

Represented construction contractor who filed suit against the owner of a laundromat to collect \$85,000 outstanding on a fire restoration contract. The laundromat owner countersued our contractor client, but our client won every aspect of the case, with the court granting a directed verdict on the slander of title claim in favor of the contractor, and the jury awarding our client the full amount due under the restoration contract, plus \$30,000 in punitive damages.

Represented subcontractor who was unpaid for construction services on a computer chip manufacturing plant expansion project. No contract had been signed, although multiple contracts had been proposed. Jury awarded full damages of \$6.2 million to our client.

Represented the Nelson Gallery Foundation, one of largest art museums in the U.S., with its long-term “master plan” for the city’s museum district. This included the disposition of property and the development of other tracts, along with land use, redevelopment of historical properties, zoning, and construction issues.

Represented one of the country’s largest private homebuilders after a concrete subcontractor filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy after falling behind on paying its suppliers. The suppliers filed liens on more than 100 houses, which meant that each property lien had to be investigated and considered separately.