

# **Entering into Construction Contracts and Subcontracts**

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### **Entering into Construction Contracts and Subcontracts**

- Understanding contract terminology
- Forming contracts
- Understanding contract obligations
- The law governing construction contracts: the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) and applicable state laws
- Subcontract formation and administration
- Performance and payment issues
- Breach of contract and default

#### Statutory and Contractual Duties of Design Professionals and Contractors in Green Construction

- General scope of duty
- Public buildings
- Contractual duties under AIA contract documents
- Defining the scope of duty

### **Surety Bonds in Construction**

- Surety is not insurance
  - Three party vs. two party contracts
  - Surety is credit
  - Surety does not anticipate loss
  - Principle of indemnification
- Benefits of performance bonds and benefits of payment bonds
  - What is covered
  - Statutory vs. non-statutory bond forms
  - Payment bond notice requirements/time for suit
- Subdivision bonds
  - Core differences of bonds for developers vs. construction contractors
  - Additional/alternative insurance
- Letters of credit in lieu of surety bonds

## **Building Code Review and Update**

State building codes



- Fire code
- Energy code
- Local codes and ordinances

#### Professional Ethics in Construction: Issues and Trends

- What is professional ethics?
- Ethical requirement trends in public contracting federal and local projects
- Ethical issues in construction
  - Contracting and sub-contracting
  - The design phase BIM and IPM
  - The construction phase
  - The bid process
  - Payments, liens and lien waivers

Architects 6.0 HSW Contact Hours 7.0 AIA HSW Learning Units

Professional Engineers 7.0 PDHs, including 1.0 ethics hour

Contractors Non-Mandatory Continuing Ed.