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Frank is a thorough practitioner with nearly 30 years of experience counseling clients in contract review, drafting, claim submissions, and construction litigation.

OVERVIEW

Frank focuses his practice on contract review and drafting, preparing claim submissions to owner agencies, advising on employment, labor and union issues, representing clients in construction/commercial litigation matters as outside counsel, and drafting corporate documents.

Before joining the firm, Frank was a partner and co-chair of the construction law practice at a law firm in New York. Before that, he was executive vice president and general counsel of Judlau Contracting, Inc., the U.S. subsidiary of a multinational heavy civil construction firm specializing in public works projects.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Prepared, submitted, and negotiated multimillion-dollar claims on behalf of the construction companies against municipal owners for delay damages, change orders, disputed work and design issues.
- Managed outside counsel on contract disputes, union grievances, and labor law claims.
- Developed corporate and D/M/WBE compliance programs.
- Handled D/M/WBE investigations and false claims act litigation.

AWARDS

- Recipient of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, 2014 Mentor Award
- *Best Lawyers in America*®: Construction Law (2020-2027)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Construction
- International Construction Projects

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ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Business Litigation
- Construction
- International Construction Projects
- Litigation + Trial

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Executive vice president and general counsel: The Judlau Companies (2009-2013)

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- St. John's University School of Law, J.D., 1991
- Cornell University, B.A., 1988, economics

BAR ADMISSIONS

- New York
- New Jersey

COURT ADMISSIONS

- Supreme Court of the United States
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

PUBLICATIONS

- Author, "Subtle (and Not So Subtle) Effects of COVID-19 on the Construction Industry," *Constructlaw.com: Construction Law Review Blog*, September 10, 2020.
- Author, "The Increasing Difficulty of Being a Public Contractor," *ConsensusDocs*, August 16, 2019.
- Author, "International Arbitration Considerations," *AGC Law in Brief, Practical Construction Law & Risk Issues*, July 2017.

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