



Our Construction Litigation team has extensive experience defending against construction claims, whether in tort or contract, both in and outside the courtroom. We have a keen understanding of the construction industry and the unique issues that arise in relation to design and construction defect claims. Our clients include architects, engineers, contractors, lessees, and owners.

We are committed to providing our clients with prompt and early liability assessments and offer key insight on document preservation to put our clients in the best possible position to defend against spoliation claims. We have a reputation for vigorous legal advocacy and exceptional negotiation skills.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

MWH Law Group attorneys handle construction litigation across Illinois and Wisconsin. Our seasoned litigators routinely handle:

- Commercial and Residential Breach of Contract Disputes
- Defective Workmanship Claims
- Design and Construction Defect Claims
- Personal Injury at Construction Sites
- Professional Liability Claims
- Warranty issues



Nearly 100 years of combined legal experience



3 dedicated attorneys offering their guidance



Offices in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, and Wisconsin

RELATED EXPERIENCE

- Obtained summary judgment for an electrical contractor in a multi-party construction litigation action where the plaintiff alleged the general contractor and several electric companies working on site were negligent in causing serious injuries sustained by the plaintiff. Through a thorough investigation, MWH was able to demonstrate that a scrap piece of conduit, which plaintiff allegedly slipped on, had been shaped into a makeshift spinning tool by tradesman responsible for hanging ceiling wire and tiles.
- Obtained a settlement at mediation which was substantially less than settlement authority in connection with a wrongful death claim resulting from a wall collapse which caused crush injuries to plaintiff's decedent.
- Obtained a favorable arbitration award with respect to a premises liability claim on behalf of a major oil company for an amount less than the low with respect to a high-low agreement entered into between the parties prior to arbitration.
- Represented architects, engineers, and general contractors in construction litigation, most recently regarding defective roof design cases in Milwaukee and Fond du Lac Counties, Wisconsin.
- Obtained settlements at mediation in litigation involving multiple plaintiffs and multiple defendants for substantially less than settlement authority in connection with wrongful death and injury claims where parking lot design and construction defects were alleged.
- Represented a major utility company and provided legal advice and counsel on a massive natural gas facility/pipeline installation, including assisting with review and preparation of contract documents.
- Provided advice and counsel to private and public entities on major development/construction projects, including property acquisition, condemnation, environmental, drafting and negotiating construction contracts, MBE/WBE Initiatives, zoning, special use permits, and other governmental approvals, including for a major convention center and a baseball stadium with retractable roof.
- Negotiated and drafted professional services agreements related to construction projects, including for design, site preparation, engineering and architectural services, project management and related activities and services.
- Negotiated survey contracts and conducted due diligence in relation to utility construction projects impacting multiple landowners.

HIGHLIGHTS

MWH Law Group LLP is a community of individuals from diverse backgrounds, with distinct and contrasting experiences, which forms the basis of our unique corporate culture. These differences allow MWH attorneys to assist our clients in achieving the best solutions for the legal challenges they face.

- ✓ *Highly rated by Super Lawyers and Rising Stars*
- ✓ *Earned the highest ratings by Martindale-Hubbell*
- ✓ *Named Best Lawyers in America, Leaders in the Law, and Up & Coming Lawyers by Wisconsin Law Journal*

REPRESENTATIVES



VINCENT J. VIGIL
PARTNER | CHICAGO & MILWAUKEE

Tel: (312) 734-1457 | **Fax:** (414) 436-0354
Email: vincent.vigil@mwhlawgroup.com

I am an accomplished trial attorney with 37 years of experience representing and counseling insurance companies, third party administrators, and small and large businesses, including Fortune 500® Corporations, on a wide range of complex matters. I have served as lead attorney with respect to claims involving wrongful death, product liability, construction litigation, automobile and trucking accidents, premises liability claims, and claims for defamation.

My background also includes representing breach of contract claims, claims for fraud and misrepresentation, and real estate and commercial litigation matters.



SUZAN J. SUTHERLAND
SPECIAL COUNSEL | CHICAGO

Tel: (708) 246-8033 | **Fax:** (414) 436-0354
Email: suzan.sutherland@mwhlawgroup.com

With almost 46 years of legal experience, I deftly manage a variety of complex matters for a diverse group of clients before state and federal courts in litigation involving business disputes, construction defects, premises and product liability claims and real estate transactions.

I skillfully negotiate matters through alternative dispute resolution forums such as binding arbitrations, court-sponsored settlement conferences and private mediations. I am adept at drafting pleadings and motions, completing written discovery, and conducting fact and expert witness depositions.



ERIC L. ANDREWS
SENIOR ASSOCIATE | MILWAUKEE

Tel: (414) 436-0353 | **Fax:** (414) 436-0354
Email: eric.andrews@mwhlawgroup.com

I litigate as lead counsel with respect to construction litigation, auto/trucking litigation, fire and explosion, product liability, premises liability, toxic tort, and insurance defense matters. In my eight years as a litigator, I have first-chaired jury trials on behalf of municipalities, tried multiple small claims matters before court commissioners and small claims judges, and successfully obtained multiple summary judgments.