

Evan Livermore

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Evan defends construction industry clients through high-stakes litigation, arbitration, and contract disputes that determine who pays when major projects go wrong.

Evan Livermore represents clients at every level of the construction industry when disputes escalate and the financial stakes are high. Whether the matter involves a nine-figure delay claim on a commuter-rail project or a multi-million dollar arbitration over a hospital construction gone sideways, Evan litigates construction disputes in federal and state court and before arbitration panels across the country.

Evan's clients include private and public owners, general contractors, subcontractors, and design professionals — the full range of parties who find themselves on either side of a construction defect, delay, or contract dispute. He approaches each engagement with an understanding of how construction projects actually work, which shapes both his litigation strategy and his counsel at the contract stage.

Beyond the courtroom and hearing room, Evan advises clients on construction contract drafting and negotiation. He also regularly counsels his clients on licensing requirements, government contracting, performance and payment bond claims, and insurance coverage issues.

Evan's combination of litigation and transactional counseling experience allows him to spot risk early and, when litigation becomes unavoidable, to walk into a court or hearing room with a proactive litigation strategy and having already thought through the other side's arguments.

Select Experience

- Defended Denver Regional Transportation District against a \$100+ million delay and cost claim brought by a private partner in a large-scale commuter-rail project, resulting in a total defense verdict; prepared witnesses for trial, drafted pretrial

Education

- University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 2016)
 - *magna cum laude*
- Augustana College (B.A., 2013)
 - *summa cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Minnesota

motions, led large-scale document review and discovery, drafted the appellate brief and opposition to petition for *certiorari*, resulting in affirmance of the judgment.

- Represented a hospital owner through a four-week arbitration hearing over a multi-million dollar construction dispute.
- Won an arbitration award following a one-week hearing in favor of a general contractor client in a multi-million dollar construction dispute.
- Litigated a complex insurance coverage dispute between primary and excess insurers through trial and appeal, resulting in a favorable settlement.

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

Clerkships

- United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, Honorable Roger L. Wollman, 2016–2017

Accolades

- *Minnesota Super Lawyers®*, "Rising Stars," 2023-2026
- MSBA, North Star Lawyer, 2018-2024
- Consistently providing pro bono legal assistance to those in need through Dorsey's Pro Bono program

Insights

November 21, 2022

DIG Magazine - Fourth Quarter 2022

April 1, 2021

Suez Canal Blockage to Cause Lasting Construction Delays and Owner-Contractor Disputes

December 21, 2020

Insurer Can Challenge Deal In Dickstein Malpractice Row

February 15, 2019

Tapping P3s to Pay for Water Infrastructure Needs, *printed in* Journal of the American College of Construction Lawyers (Winter 2019)