



PRACTICE FOCUS

Paul M. Hellegers has over 35 years of experience litigating complex disputes in the state and federal courts, as well as before arbitration panels and various administrative tribunals, concentrating in construction-related matters on behalf of design professionals, contractors, and project owners, including complex cases involving defective design and workmanship claims; property damage claims; labor law and construction accident personal injury claims; and contract disputes including delay damage claims, tortious interference claims, change order claims, lien actions, and wrongful termination claims. The cases involved numerous different aspects of construction on projects ranging from private homes to large apartment buildings, office towers to train stations, a ferry terminal, a golf course, a daycare center, an international diplomatic conference center, and a church carillon.

Mr. Hellegers also counsels and represents New York City housing cooperatives and condominiums on matters ranging from internal governance issues, disputes with and between shareholders, unit owners, and residential and commercial tenants, and disputes with vendors, contractors, and neighboring property owners.

Mr. Hellegers started his legal career at Rogers & Wells, after clerking for Judge Christine Nettesheim of the United States Claims Court in Washington.

REPRESENTATIVE SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:

- "Architecture Law: Contract Negotiation, Intellectual Property, and Claims," *presented by Hudson Valley Bank* (Panelist)

PUBLICATIONS

- "Expanding Strict Liability to Design Professionals for Excavation Damage" *New York Law Journal*, October 2016 (Author)
- "Making Sense of the Economic Loss Rule in Construction Cases: Does the Draft Restatement (Third) of Torts Help?" *The Construction Lawyer (Journal of the ABA Forum on the Construction Industry)*, Fall 2013 - Part 1, Winter 2014 - Part 2 (Author)
- "Law for Architects: What You Need to Know," *Norton Architecture Publishing*, May 2012 (Contributing Author)

EDUCATION

- Georgetown University Law Center, J.D.
- Oxford University, M.A.
- Oxford University, B.A.

ADMISSIONS

- New York

PAUL M. HELLEGERS

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PRACTICE AREAS

- Construction Law

ACTIVITIES

- Civil Court Committee, New York City Bar, Chair
- Lexington Democratic Club in Manhattan, President
- Board of the Wood-Heights Democratic Club, Member