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### Experience

Joseph M. Gesker, Jr. is an Associate in the Business Litigation and Professional Practices Groups. He focuses his practice on representing plaintiffs and defendants in complex civil litigation matters, including commercial and construction disputes. Joseph has represented architects, engineers, surveyors, owners, general contractors, sub-contractors and professional liability insurers in state and federal courts, arbitrations and mediations. Joseph has also negotiated design-bid-build and design-build contracts, design proposals, terms and conditions and other commercial agreements on behalf of design consultants and sub-consultants. Prior to joining Donovan Hatem LLP, Joseph practiced at Lee & McShane, P.C., Wani & Associates, P.C. and Waters & Wise, PLLC.

### Admitted to Practice

- Massachusetts
- Virginia
- Maryland
- United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia
- United States District Court for the District of Maryland

### Education

- University of Dayton School of Law (J.D. 2003)
  - CALI Award: Federal Jurisdiction
  - Dean Scholarship
  - Inmate Assistance Program
- Providence College (B.A. 2000)
  - Phi Alpha Theta (International History Honor Society)
  - Phi Sigma Tau (National Philosophy Honor Society)

### Business and Professional Associations

- American Bar Association, Forum on Construction Law

### Publications and Speaking Engagements

- Author, "Massachusetts Courts Deny Contractor's Differing site Condition Claim Based on Disclaimer Language in the Contract Documents." Design & Construction Management Professional Reporter (May 2015)

### **Representative Matters**

- *Dewberry & Davis, Inc. v. C3NS, Inc.*, 284 Va. 485 (2012)
- *Nat'l Labor College, Inc. v. Hillier Group Architecture N.J., Inc.*, 739 F. Supp. 2d 821 (D. Md. 2010)
- *Nat'l Labor College, Inc. v. Hillier Group Architecture N.J., Inc.*, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 112248 (D. Md. 2012)
- *Wolff v. Rodgers Consulting, Inc.*, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 70559 (D. Md. 2012)
- *Davis v. Holsten*, 270 Va. 389 (2005)