



Laura J. Bowman

Partner



Laura Bowman's practice focuses on the preparation of construction project documents on behalf of private and public owners.

Laura provides guidance on project delivery systems, including construction manager at risk and design-build, and creates procurement and bidding documents as well as construction project contracts. Her experience also includes advising public owners on compliance with Ohio statutory requirements relating to construction bidding and procurement. Project values vary from less than \$1 million to over \$1 billion.

Laura has worked on a wide range of healthcare construction projects, from renovations of existing hospital spaces to new construction of stand-alone medical facilities. Her practice includes preparing requests for qualifications, requests for proposals and agreements with architects, engineers, contractors, construction managers, design-builders, construction managers at risk, vendors, owner's representatives and consultants for private and public hospitals and health systems. She has also presented internal training to clients related to construction procurement laws and best practices.

Additionally, Laura represents a variety of public and private entities in Ohio. She has worked on agreements for private developers; renovation and new build projects for cities, villages, townships, libraries, counties and port authorities; jail construction and renovation projects; water/wastewater construction projects; and school renovations, including urgent necessity projects.

Previously, Laura served as an extern in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio and worked in national marketing for the PBS television show *American Experience*.

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Bar Admissions & Activities

- Admitted, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio; U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- Admitted, State of Ohio

Education

- The Ohio State University (J.D., *cum laude*, 2012); *Ohio State Law Journal*
- Wellesley College (B.A., *cum laude*, 2006)

Awards & Recognition

- Rising Star, Ohio Super Lawyers (Construction Litigation), 2020



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Presentations & Published Works

- Speaker, "Construction Procurement Process Overview for Counties," County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO)/County Engineers Association of Ohio (CEAO) Winter Conference, December 2019
- Speaker, "Selecting Project Delivery Models & Bidding by the Book," Ohio Library Fiscal Officers Association, November 2019
- Speaker, "Beginning a Project – Decision Points," Top Gun Construction Seminar, November 2015, October 2017, October 2018, and October 2019
- Speaker, "How Selecting the Right Project Delivery Model Can Protect Your Budget, Schedule, and Operations," Ohio Library Council's Library Facilities Conference, July 2019
- Speaker, "Bidding by the Book: Do You Need to Bid to Build It?" Ohio Library Council's Library Facilities Conference, July 2019
- Speaker, "Project Delivery Methods Available to Public Owners - Figuring Out What Works Best for Your Project," Selecting Project Delivery Methods & Bidding Public Construction Contracts, May 2019
- Speaker, "Key Considerations in Risk Management and Cost Control for CMR Projects," Ohio Hospital Association Webinar, August 2018
- Speaker, "Design-Build and Construction Manager at Risk Methods: Selecting the Firm that will Provide the Best Value," Selecting Project Delivery Methods & Bidding Public Construction Contracts in Ohio workshop, May 2016, May 2017, May 2018
- Speaker, "Library Facilities Procurement," Northeast Ohio Regional Library System Association Construction/Facilities Group, March 2018
- Speaker, "Risk Management in Health Care Construction," Ohio Hospital Association Annual Meeting, June 2017
- Presenter, "Risk Management in Healthcare Construction," Ohio Hospital Association webinar, January 2017
- Speaker, "School Procurement and Construction Issues," BASA School Facilities and Safety Conference, March 2016
- Speaker, "Bidding & Purchasing," Ohio Municipal League Newly Elected Council Seminar, February 2016
- Speaker, "Selecting a Design-Builder and Construction Manager at Risk," Selecting Project Delivery Models and Bidding for Public Construction Contracts in Ohio workshop, May 2014 and May 2015
- Speaker, "School Procurement Basics: Bidding, Proposals, Joint Purchasing," BASA School Facilities Conference, March 2015
- Speaker, "The Importance of Having the Right Front End Documents," Top Gun Construction Claims Seminar, November 2014
- Speaker, "Construction Basics: Contract Documents and Statutory Requirements for School Construction," Buckeye Association of School Administrators School Facilities Conference, March 2014
- Speaker, "Sole Source," Top Gun Construction Claims Seminar, November 2013



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- Speaker, "Design-Builder Selection Process," Selecting Project Delivery Models and Bidding for Public Construction Contracts in Ohio workshop, May 2013

Professional & Community Activities

- Past member, Bricker & Eckler Recruiting Committee
- Past member, Bricker & Eckler Summer Associate Committee
- Past member, Bricker & Eckler Diversity & Inclusion Committee
- Past Admissions Representative, Columbus Wellesley Club Board

Experience

Construction procurement training

Present internal client training to key organization representatives, project managers and in-house counsel relating to construction bidding and procurement laws and best practices.

Phased renovation and expansion healthcare projects

Assisted private and public health care systems in negotiating and preparing design professional and construction manager at risk agreements for phased renovation and expansion projects with budgets ranging from \$1 million to \$15 million.

\$1.3 billion health system construction projects

Advise and assist Indiana's largest private, not-for-profit health system with three projects that are among the largest construction projects the system has ever undertaken, with total costs expected to exceed \$1.3 billion over several years. The first project involves construction of a new campus location in the downtown area. The second project involves a new facility on a university campus. The third project involves renovating 150,000 square feet of the vacated children's hospital to create a maternity hospital. Bricker's role is to provide the legal services specific to the construction of health care facilities, while Indiana co-counsel is expected to provide more general construction advice.

Hospital system transformation construction manager at risk projects

Assisted a public health care system with its procurement processes and agreements for design professionals, owner's representative and construction manager at risk for a \$1 billion multiple-project transformation.



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County jail renovation and new construction projects

Assisted with the selection of project delivery models and prepared request for qualifications, request for proposals, design professional agreements and construction contract documents for a variety of new build and renovation projects for county jails. Project delivery models included construction manager at risk, design-build and general contractor. Project values ranged from \$3 to \$50 million.

Library system renovation and new construction projects

Prepared procurement documents and negotiated contract documents for architect agreement construction manager at risk contracts for renovation and new construction projects for multiple county library system branches. Construction values ranged from \$1 to \$9 million.

Task order construction manager at risk agreement

Prepared the requests for qualifications, requests for proposals and specialized contract documents for task order construction manager at risk arrangements for public and private entities including hospital systems and library systems.

School district board resolutions and contracts

Prepared school board resolutions and contracts related to bleacher and track renovation projects.

School district joint purchasing

Facilitated and prepared a school district's contract for roof replacement, procured through a joint purchasing program.

Hospital medical campus renovation construction manager at risk project

Assisted a private health care system in negotiating and preparing design professional and construction manager at risk agreements for the renovation of a recently-acquired medical campus. The project value exceeded \$61 million.

Waiver of competitive bidding

Prepared resolutions and related documents for projects deemed to be of urgent necessity, including fire alarm and HVAC renovation projects for a K-12 school district.



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Hospital ambulatory care construction manager at risk projects

Assisted a private health care system in negotiating and preparing design professional and construction manager at risk agreements for several ambulatory care projects. The project values ranged from \$18 million to an anticipated \$26 million.

Municipal design-build projects

Prepared request for qualifications, request for proposals and contract documents for municipal administration building design-build projects.

Dentist's office construction contract

Prepared construction contract for new dentist's office project.

Private developer contracts

Prepared architect, contractor and design-builder agreements for private developer.

Fire department renovation contracts

Prepared criteria architect and design-build contracts for the design and construction of new township fire department facilities.

Hospital contract templates

Prepared template architect/engineer, construction manager, contractor and other consultant agreements for both public and private hospitals to be used for different project delivery methods and with projects of varying sizes and scope.

County and city template contracts

Create template architect agreements, engineer agreements, bidding documents and owner-contractor agreements for public entities including cities and counties.

Mechanic's liens statutory process and claims

Represented school district in administration of statutory process relating to mechanic's liens and addressed mechanics' lien claims and related law suits for K-12 school projects.



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Water and wastewater bids

Prepared numerous water and wastewater bid package and contract documents.

County procurement manual

Created a manual comparing and contrasting available construction delivery models and providing guidance on statutory bidding and procurement requirements for counties.

Public library diversity and inclusion guidelines

Prepared diversity and inclusion guidelines and incorporated them into the procurement process for a large public library system.

Design-build renovation project

Prepared request for qualifications, request for proposals and contract documents for a K-12 school district's design-build project.

Defective work

Represented a school district client to address defective work.

Port authority bid documents for sewer project

Organized a port authority's bid package and construction contract for a sanitary sewer extension project.

Hospital architect agreement negotiation

Counselled public hospital client through the negotiation of an architect agreement.

County courthouse design-build project

Advised a county regarding project delivery methods and prepared a request for qualifications, request for proposals and contract documents for the courthouse's design-build renovation project.

Hospital bid evaluation

Advised a public hospital regarding the evaluation of bids.



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School district bus warranty

Represented a K-12 school district regarding school bus warranty issues.

\$2.5 million city public services facility project

Advised a city regarding project delivery methods newly available to Ohio public entities for its new public services facility project. Created a streamlined procurement process for a design-build project, pursuant to the city's Amended Charter and Codified Ordinances, and prepared the request for proposals and contract documents for the project.