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Bill Chimos, a Partner with Zetlin & De Chiara LLP, has extensive experience representing clients in complex commercial and construction litigation matters, including the resolution of claims through mediation and arbitration. Mr. Chimos regularly advises clients on business-related matters, professional licensing issues, contract drafting and negotiation, insurance matters and risk management strategies.

Mr. Chimos represents architects, engineers, design professionals, contractors, construction managers, owners, developers, and other parties in the construction industry. He also counsels owners in commercial landlord/tenant disputes.

Mr. Chimos has been a guest lecturer at Cooper Union, delivering presentations and moderating panels on construction industry trends and issues.

Education

St. John's University, School of Law, J.D.

New York University, Stern School of Business, B.S.

Admissions

New York

Connecticut

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York

EXPERIENCE

Representative Matters

The following are select representative matters:

Commercial

Enforced Lease Obligations for a High-Profile Historic Building

An engineering inspection revealed the building was in a state of disrepair due to the tenants failure to fulfill its lease obligations.

Cultural Institutions

Southern California Museum

We are representing a prestigious architectural firm in connection with claims of breach of contract and copyright infringement in relation to a museum project in Southern California.

Science Museum Litigation in Connecticut

We represented a structural engineer of a nine-story science museum located in Connecticut against errors and omissions claims.

Wrongful Death Claim Defense Involving Construction of an Art Museum

We represented the structural engineer of an art museum project against a wrongful death claim.

Data Centers / IT

Minnesota Data Center Lawsuit

We are representing a mechanical engineer with respect to a claim relating to the design of a data center in Minnesota.

Education

Private School Drainage System

We represented the architect of an exclusive private school based in Manhattan against claims of errors and omissions related to the construction of the premises.

University Laboratory Design and Delay Dispute

We are representing the project's mechanical and structural engineer with respect to a claim relating to the design and delays in the completion of a university laboratory in New Jersey.

Government

Government Facility Reconstruction Litigation

We represented an engineer against claims concerning mechanical, electrical, plumbing and sprinkler engineering services in connection with the construction of a government facility located in the Bronx.

Education

Medical Institution in the Bronx

We represented an engineer against errors and omissions claim in connection with construction of one of the nation's premier institutions for medical education, basic research and clinical investigation located in the Bronx.

Hospitality

Vermont Resort Litigation

We represented a design team against negligence and negligent misrepresentation claims in connection with the design and construction of a resort in Vermont.

Infrastructure

Long Island City Lots Litigation

We are representing the owner of multiple lots and buildings in Long Island City.

Mixed-Use

Fit-out Work Mixed-use Structure

We represented an engineer against errors and omissions claim in connection with the fit-out work for a 2.8 million square foot, mixed-use structure in Manhattan.

Litigated a Series of Suits in the Construction of a High-Rise Condominium in San Francisco

We successfully represented several design professionals with respect to a claim relating to the settling of a high-rise condominium tower in San Francisco in one of the most visible construction disputes in the United States.

Residential

Subpar Air and Water Quality Claims Dispute

We represented design team against claims that the construction of Manhattan condominiums resulted in subpar air and water quality.

Condominium Development Litigation

We represented an architect against breach of contract and negligence claims brought by the condominium board of two 15-story buildings in Manhattan.

Brooklyn Townhouse

We represented an architect/interior designer of a townhouse in Brooklyn in arbitration against error and/or omissions claims.

Manhattan Apartment Interior Design Dispute

We represented an interior design architect against deficiency claims in connection with the interior design of an apartment in Manhattan.

14-unit Condominium Conversion

We represented the architect of a 14-unit condominium conversion against breach of contract and negligence claims.

Apartment Building Construction and Tenant Disputes

We worked on multiple matters involving claims relating to the construction of an apartment building and tenant disputes.

Sports & Entertainment

Rebuilding of a Prominent Theatre in New York City's Famed Theatre District

We represented the lead architect in an arbitration concerning a contract dispute with the owner and contractor over the rebuilding and updating of a prominent theatre in New York City.

Fortune 500 Company's New York City Sports Facility Construction Dispute

We are representing a Fortune 500 company that provides architecture, design, engineering, and construction services across the globe.

HONORS

Honors & Recognitions

- Super Lawyers

NEWS & EVENTS

News

Super Lawyers 2024 Recognizes 13 Zetlin & De Chiara Attorneys

10.24.2024

The Best Lawyers in America 2025 Recognizes 15 Zetlin & De Chiara Attorneys

08.15.2024

Super Lawyers 2023 Recognizes 14 Zetlin & De Chiara Attorneys

09.22.2023

The Best Lawyers in America 2024 Recognizes 16 Zetlin & De Chiara Attorneys

08.17.2023

Super Lawyers 2022 Recognizes Zetlin & De Chiara Attorneys for Their Expertise in Construction Law

Super Lawyers

Zetlin & De Chiara LLP Again Recognized in the Best Lawyers List
08.18.2022

Zetlin & De Chiara LLP Ranked Tier 1 in 2022 Edition of U.S. News- Best Lawyers® Best Law Firms®
11.04.2021

Zetlin & De Chiara Attorneys Widely Recognized in Super Lawyers 2021
09.30.2021

Zetlin & De Chiara LLP Lawyers Highly Recognized by Best Lawyers®
Best Lawyers®, 08.19.2021

Super Lawyers Selects 10 Zetlin & De Chiara Attorneys for Its 2020 Ranking
11.05.2020

Zetlin & De Chiara Lawyers Named to 2021 Best Lawyers and to Ones to Watch Lists
08.20.2020

Eleven Zetlin & De Chiara LLP Attorneys Recognized by Super Lawyers 2019
09.25.2019

Zetlin & De Chiara's Construction Law Expertise Recognized Again by Legal 500 US
09.11.2019

Twelve Zetlin & De Chiara LLP Attorneys Receive Prestigious Thomson Reuters' Super Lawyers 2018 Ranking

Eleven Zetlin & De Chiara LLP Attorneys Recognized by Super Lawyers for 2017

Who's News: Appointments and Promotions, Real Estate Weekly, July 2013

Zetlin & De Chiara Attorneys Bill Chimos and Jaimee Nardiello Promoted

Bill Chimos and James Rowland of Zetlin & De Chiara LLP Promoted
02.17.2010

Zetlin & De Chiara LLP Recognizes Excellence Within The Firm
02.01.2010

Speaking Engagements

Zetlin & De Chiara's 30th Anniversary Celebration
12.14.2022

Liability for Building Foundations: A Geotechnical Dilemma
01.28.2018

AIA-ACEC Risk Management Committee Meeting - Risk Management & Allocation
11.2008

AIA-ACEC New York Special Advisory Committee Meeting - Lender Certifications
05.2007

AIA-ACEC New York Special Advisory Committee Meeting - Recent Changes to the Lobbying
Procurement Rules: Pitfalls You Can Avoid
05.2007

Solving Water Intrusion and Mold Problems
09.2002

Publications

Critical Changes in Comprehensive Insurance Disclosure
04.13.2022

Zetlin & De Chiara LLP Spring 2018 Update
05.08.2018

Zetlin & De Chiara LLP Fall 2017 Update
10.12.2017

Insuring a Design-Build Project
Zetlin & De Chiara LLP Review, 04.08.2005

Recent Litigation Affecting Mold
Zetlin & De Chiara LLP, Summer 2003

Insurance and Surety Bonds Relating to the Design and Construction Industries
New York Construction Law, 03.2003

AFFILIATIONS

Organizations

- American Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association
- New York County Lawyers' Association