



ILLINOIS Construction

Stein, Ray & Harris LLP

The Firm: This “aggressive boutique with an excellent bench of attorneys” is widely respected by the market as “the premier construction law firm for representing contractors in Chicago.” The group acts for designers in a variety of industries, including transportation, waste management and hospitality and, in the words of one client, is “a dream” which gets “nothing other than excellent results.” It recently represented an international engineering company in a design negligence claim brought against it during the extension of the light rail system in St. Louis.

The Lawyers: **Steven Stein** is “without a doubt a number-one construction attorney,” according to one peer. Clients report that his representation of clients in procurement,

contractual and engineering disputes and transactions is “outstanding – highly focused and thorough.” Managing partner **Stephen Ray** recently acted for a large EPC firm in defending against mechanics’ liens and other claims in excess of \$15 million, regarding an East Coast oil refinery. He also represents clients in breach of contract, delay and defect issues with “great intelligence” say interviewees. **Peter Bedard** “has an excellent practice that keeps getting better,” say peers. He defends clients in front of state and federal courts and the AAA in delay, breach of contract, fraud and mechanics’ liens disputes. **Jeffrey Winick** is a “tough, hard-nosed attorney” who handles a wide range of construction matters, including subrogation rights, wrongful termination, design defects, indemnification claims and mechanics’ liens litigation, as well as alternative dispute resolution.