



LITIGATION

Construction: national

STEIN, RAY & HARRIS

PRACTICE: Clients use Stein, Ray & Harris due to *'its massive amount of knowledge and resources in the area'*, and because *'clients' interests are always a priority'*. Operating out of a single office in Chicago, the practice litigates on all matters arising from and relation to construction disputes.

Although the 12-partner firm is best known for its extensive Midwest coverage, it has fairly impressive national and international breadth, developed through its *'thorough understanding of processes from both the legal and business perspectives'*; its *'leadership and expertise'* makes it a favorite among clients. The firm is currently representing big-name domestic contractors in high-stakes litigation in a variety of locations, including Vermont, Phoenix, South Carolina and San Francisco. However, its lone office puts it at a slight disadvantage compared to firms with broader geographic reach.

The firm uses a plethora of skills, including *'market knowledge, leadership, expertise and responsiveness'*, to handle a multiplicity of multi-million dollar deals, where the consensus on the firm's attorneys is that all are *'bright, intelligent and well-trained'*. A recent major victory saw the firm achieve a favorable settlement for Parsons Transportation in relation to a \$100m claim. Underpinning its reputation for *'great expertise in engineering and construction'*, meanwhile, on behalf of LTK Engineering the firm successfully obtained summary judgment in dismissing a claim arising from a fire on the Seattle monorail.

As well as many domestic successes, the firm's international accomplishments show *'exceptional knowledge and a real desire to please'*. On behalf of Duke Energy International, the firm completed a complex technical arbitration involving a Guatemalan power plant, while the firm also represented Chicago Bridge and Iron in relation to an LNG project in Peru.

CLIENTS: The firm boasts a client roster littered with national and international leaders in construction market, including many Fortune 500 companies. On the contractor front, the firm represents Fluor, Hunt Construction, Amec, Bovis Lend Lease, Clark Construction and Graycor, among others. Other clients include HOK, Duke Energy, Murphy, University of Chicago and Ambitech.

INDIVIDUALS: Clients are eager to praise founding partner **Steven Stein** as *'the best construction litigator in the country'*. Known for his *'qualities, experience and intelligence'* in all aspects of construction law, Stein specializes in the arbitration and litigation of complex matters on both the construction and design fronts. Clients cannot praise his skills enough; *'he couldn't be better'*, says one – *'he drops everything for his clients'*.

Another founding partner, **Stephen Ray** is a *'specialist'*, praised by clients as being *'so smart'*. With *'great litigation skills'*, his experience in the domestic construction field ranges from breach of contract to defects – and every – thing in between – allowing him to *'pick up on any topic'*.

Robert Harris is the final piece in the jigsaw, recognized as being *'very good'*. Combining strengths in both the construction field and complex commercial litigation, he represents a variety of clients on all matters, and is acknowledged as being strong when it comes to *'incredibly difficult cases'*.