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Experience

Sue E. Yoakum, Of Counsel at Donovan Hatem LLP, is an attorney and a licensed architect with over 25 years of domestic and international experience in design and construction. At Donovan Hatem, Sue focuses her practice assisting design professionals by providing contract reviews, risk management evaluations, claims monitoring and other related legal services for design professionals. Sue frequently speaks on issues of professional liability for design and construction management professionals. Her seminars focus on working internationally, Building Information Modeling (BIM), Integrated Project Delivery (IPD) procurement, risk management and contractual issues. She has authored articles relating to the defense of design professionals. Most recently she has contributed to a new book, Megaprojects: Challenges and Recommended Practices, scheduled for publication in Spring 2010 by American Council of Engineering Companies. Prior to pursuing her legal career, Sue practiced architecture for a decade with a focus on sport projects.

Admitted to Practice

- Kansas
- Missouri

Education

- University of Missouri, Kansas City (J.D., with honors)
 - “AmJured Award” recipient in Construction Law
 - Staff writer for The Urban Lawyer
- Kansas State University (Bachelor of Architecture, with honors)

Representative Cases/Matters

- Sue’s selected international project list includes New Wembley Stadium (London, England); Millennium Dome (London, England) Algarve Stadium (Faro, Portugal); Benfica Stadium (Lisbon, Portugal); and Suncorp Stadium (Queensland, Brisbane, Australia). Her selected United States project list includes Gillette Stadium, Arizona Cardinals Stadium, Surprise Recreation Campus, Great American Ballpark, and St. Louis Cardinals Baseball Stadium. In addition, she has served as General Counsel for a real estate development company located in Prague, Czech Republic, where she was responsible for a multi-national legal department.

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Articles and Publications

Contributing Author, *Chapter 4: Architect-Engineer Contracting, Federal Government Construction Contracts*, Editors: Adrian L. Bastianelli III, Andrew D. Ness, Joseph D. West, published by American Bar Association, 2010.

Speaking Engagements

- Missouri Bar's statewide meeting (1995) - Presented American with Disabilities Act - Legal concerns for Architects
- Kansas University and Kansas State University (1995-1996) - Presented legal liability seminars to the students regarding the Practice of Architecture
- Design Build Institute of America's National Convention (2001) - Presented design build liabilities from Architect's perspective for Gillette Stadium
- 25th IRMI Construction Risk Conference (2005) - Design-Build Risk & Professional Liability Insurance: A Disconnect