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Mark W. Frilot concentrates his practice on construction law, construction litigation, and commercial litigation.

A longtime resident of the New Orleans region, Mr. Frilot is a construction lawyer in the Firm's New Orleans office. He represents all participants on construction projects, including contractors, owners, developers, subcontractors, design professionals, and suppliers, in complex matters arising in all phases of a construction project.

He provides practical, pre-dispute guidance to proactively prevent problems, limit surprises, and preserve project schedules and budgets so his clients can keep building. When disputes do arise, he combines his experience with technology and matter-management tools to streamline discovery, improve case strategy, and deliver timely, cost-effective results for his clients.

Mr. Frilot has litigated high-stakes disputes concerning defective work, design-professional liability, delay and inefficiency claims, public and private works claims, and bidding challenges in state and federal trial and appellate courts. He also regularly presents and defends claims in arbitration and appears before regulatory and licensing bodies. In his practice, Mr. Frilot aims to establish and maintain trusted relationships with those he serves.



Case Studies

- [Bench Trial Victory for Contractor](#) - Construction Litigation



Representative Matters

- Represented a subcontractor on a Miller Act claim in excess of \$12 million on a federal project.
- Represented and defended a soil-stabilization contractor in a case involving an allegedly sinking shipyard, in which the plaintiff-owner claimed more than \$45 million in damages.
- Represented and defended a conduit manufacturer regarding a plaintiff-contractor's multimillion-dollar claim for defective materials and the resulting delay and impact claims.
- Represented a local university in arbitration regarding multimillion-dollar damages arising from design defects related to renovations of an existing concrete structure.
- Represented a public owner in the prosecution of significant building-envelope water-intrusion claims.
- Represented numerous contractors regarding licensing requirements and in proceedings before the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors.



Professional Honors & Activities

- Member – Louisiana State Bar Association
- Member – New Orleans Bar Association
- Member – Federal Bar Association
- Member – American Bar Association
 - Litigation Section
 - Forum on the Construction Industry
- Member – Covington Bar Association

- Associate Member – Associated Builders and Contractors
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Construction Law since 2013 and Litigation – Construction since 2015
- Named the Best Lawyers® 2023 Litigation – Construction Law "Lawyer of the Year" in New Orleans
- Listed in *Chambers USA* as a leading Construction lawyer in Louisiana (2018 – 2025)
- Selected to Louisiana Super Lawyers in Construction Litigation (2015 – 2026); listed as among top 50 attorneys in New Orleans (2021, 2025); listed as among top 50 attorneys in Louisiana (2025)
- Selected to Louisiana Rising Stars by Super Lawyers (2013, 2014)
- Recognized as a "Top Lawyer" in Construction Law by *New Orleans Magazine* (2016, 2018 – 2025)
- Co-recipient of 2006 Stephen T. Victory Memorial Award for article, "Res Judicata in Louisiana: A Synthesis of Competing Interests," 53 *Louisiana Bar Journal* 6 (April/May 2006)
- 2008 Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year for the Mandeville, Louisiana Office



Publications

- "Bridging the Divide: Lessons in Lawyering Across Generations," *Baker Women Newsletter* (Issue 2, 2025)
- "U.S. Fifth Circuit Firmly Shuts Courthouse Doors on Petitions to Vacate Arbitration Awards for 'Manifest Disregard of the Law'" (June 2025)
- "Louisiana Legislature Grants Sureties the Right to Raise Contractor Defenses, Including 'Pay-If-Paid'" (July 2024)
- "Recent Louisiana Case Reminds of the Need for Careful Contract Drafting to Avoid Conflicts" (July 2023)
- "Formal Notice of Default Necessary to Start Peremptive Period for Public Owner's Claims Against Performance Bond Surety" (March 2023)
- "Baker's Dozen – Tips on the Way to the Top," *Women's Initiative Newsletter* (October 2022)
- "Potentially Good News for Contractors Seeking Final Payment on Public Construction Projects" (April 2018)
- "Louisiana First Circuit Holds that Private Works Act Surety Cannot Raise Pay-if-Paid Defense" (January 2018)



Speaking Engagements

- "LSBA's Trial Mastery: Building a Case from Voir Dire to Verdict" (April 24, 2026)
- Presenter – "The Risks and Benefits of the Use of AI Tools on Construction Projects, Litigation, and Arbitration," Construction Financial Management Association (CFMA) Construction Conference (October 2025)
- Co-author/Presenter – "Construction Claims and Damages," Construction Law in Louisiana, Louisiana State University CLE (September 2024)
- Co-chair – "Unveiling Digital Evidence," Louisiana State Bar Association CLE (August 2024)
- Co-author/Presenter – "Construction Claims and Damages," Construction Law from the Ground Up, Louisiana State Bar Association CLE (March 2023)



Education

- Louisiana State University, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, J.D., 2001
- University of New Orleans, B.A., 1996



Admissions

- Louisiana, 2001