Construction & Insurance Litigation Attorney

Sacks Tierney P.A. | Scottsdale, Arizona
Position Overview

Sacks Tierney P.A., a highly regarded, full-service Arizona law firm based in Scottsdale, is seeking an experienced Construction and Insurance Litigation Attorney to join our litigation team. For more than 65 years, Sacks Tierney has built a reputation for excellence in litigation and client service. We guide businesses, owners, and individuals through complex legal matters with expertise, integrity, and a practical, client-centered approach.

You'll represent owners, developers, general contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, and design professionals in construction disputes, along with the insurance coverage issues that often come with them. You'll also handle related commercial, real estate, and contract litigation.

You'll work closely with a senior construction and insurance litigator who will be directly involved in your development, from case strategy and client relationships to depositions and trial. Many large firms keep mid-level and senior associates behind the partners. Here, you'll get hands-on mentorship while running your own cases, taking depositions, arguing motions, and trying cases, at a firm that values work-life balance.

Construction Litigation

- Manage a docket of construction litigation from intake through trial and appeal.
- Litigate construction defect, delay, and disruption claims; payment disputes; change order and scope disputes; and contract termination matters.
- Pursue and defend mechanics' lien foreclosures, stop notice claims, and payment and performance bond claims.
- Represent clients in Registrar of Contractors proceedings and related licensing and bond matters.
- Review and advise on construction contracts, claims, and risk allocation to help clients avoid disputes.

Insurance Litigation

- Handle insurance coverage disputes arising from construction and commercial claims, including CGL, builder's risk, and property coverage.
- Manage tenders of defense, additional insured claims, and contractual indemnity disputes among owners, contractors, and subcontractors.

- Litigate first- and third-party coverage actions, declaratory judgment actions, and bad faith claims.
- Advise clients on coverage positions, reservation of rights letters, and strategies for coordinating insurance with litigation.

Trial and Advocacy

- Handle depositions, evidentiary hearings, mediations, arbitrations (including AAA construction arbitration), and trials.
- Draft and argue dispositive, discovery, and procedural motions.
- Conduct complex discovery and work with experts on liability, scheduling, damages, and coverage.
- Develop case strategy and communicate effectively with clients, opposing counsel, insurers, and the Court.

Qualifications

- 4–15 years of civil litigation experience, with significant construction and/or insurance litigation experience.
- JD from an accredited law school and active Arizona Bar license, or the ability to obtain one.
- Strong written and oral advocacy skills. Courtroom, deposition, and arbitration experience required.
- Familiarity with Arizona lien, bond, and Registrar of Contractors law, and with CGL and additional insured coverage issues, preferred.
- Ability to manage multiple cases and deadlines independently.
- Strong client service orientation and sound professional judgment.
- Senior candidates with an existing client base or industry relationships are encouraged to apply. Portable business considered.

What We Offer

- Competitive base salary, commensurate with experience
- Bonus program tied to performance and/or business origination
- Hybrid schedule

- Reasonable billable expectations consistent with a mid-size firm
- Direct client contact and responsibility for your own cases
- Sophisticated construction, insurance, and commercial litigation matters
- Day-to-day mentorship from a senior litigator, within a collaborative and supportive culture
- Comprehensive benefits, including medical, dental, vision, 401(k), paid time off, and parental leave
- Paid bar dues and CLE
- Long-term career growth within an established, respected Arizona firm

EEO Statement

Sacks Tierney is an equal opportunity employer. We celebrate diversity and are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees.