



Rebecca J. Seamands

Senior Counsel

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Rebecca Seamands maintains an active and thriving practice in the firm's Construction Group, representing clients in both transactions and disputes for more than 28 years.

Rebecca's transactional experience spans the full gamut of project types, including roads and bridges, stadiums, airports, convention centers, light rail, hotels, water and sewer infrastructure, historical renovation, libraries, schools, apartments, condominiums, churches, student housing, and manufacturing facilities. She is regularly called upon to help clients in all phases of the development and administration of large public and private projects. As such, she advises clients in the selection and implementation of alternative project delivery methods, including public-private partnerships, and is involved in structuring, negotiating and drafting agreements to facilitate project delivery. Her P3 experience includes assisting with project delivery, procurement, and contract issues for the Ohio River Bridges Project, as well as representing a governmental entity in the workout of another complex P3 project during construction.

Rebecca represents clients in all stages of litigation—from mediation and arbitration through trial and appeal. She has tried and arbitrated construction defect claims, commercial disputes and other general litigation lawsuits. She regularly counsels clients in risk management and works with them to explore innovative, cost-effective options for early resolution of disputes. She has successfully represented clients in disputes involving complex, multi-million dollar claims, including two separate NFL stadium owners, the Indianapolis Airport Authority regarding its Midfield Terminal project, the Indiana Finance Authority regarding a toll road lease, and construction managers on both public and private projects.

Education

- University of Illinois (B.S.B.A., 1987)
- Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law (J.D., 1992)

Admissions

- Indiana
- United States District Court - Northern District of Indiana

Services & Industries

- Commercial Litigation
- Construction
- Insurance
- Litigation
- Public Infrastructure/Public-Private Partnerships (P3s)
- Risk & Crisis Management
- Sports & Entertainment

- United States District Court - Southern District of Indiana

Professional Affiliations

- Member, Indianapolis Bar Association
- Member, Indiana State Bar Association
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, ABA Forum on the Construction Industry
- Graduate, Executive Women's Leadership Program, United Way of Central Indiana
- Ice Miller Feedback Development Committee (*ex officio*)
- Ice Miller Teamwork Engagement and Mentoring Committee (*ex officio*)
- Former Member, Ice Miller Board of Directors
- Former Chair, Ice Miller Professional Development Committee
- Former Member, Ice Miller Career Development Team
- Former Member, Ice Miller Personnel Committee

Awards & Honors

- *The Best Lawyers In America*®, Construction Law, 2021-2026
- *The Indiana Lawyer*, Distinguished Barrister Award, 2023

Success Stories

Ice Miller Represents Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority in Historic Commuter Rail Expansion

Ice Miller LLP represented the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority in connection with the NWI Rail Projects, helping to create the largest expansions of commuter rail systems in the state's history.

The two projects represent a nearly \$2 billion investment in capital projects, with an estimated \$3 billion overall economic impact to the region and the state in the next 20 years. The Double Track Project adds nearly 18 miles of new track over a 26-mile corridor along the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District's existing South Shore Line between Gary, Indiana and Michigan City, Indiana and makes multiple improvements to the existing line, while the West Lake Project adds a new line approximately 8 miles within Lake County from Hammond to the Munster/Dyer line. This work also includes transit development districts within the communities and surrounding areas where the rail runs.

Ice Miller developed and advocated for the projects' procurement and financing legislation allowing for the delivery of the coordinated projects by three state-related entities. The firm also supported and acquired the significant appropriations from the Indiana General Assembly for the projects, developed a credit enhancing mechanism to codify local Lake County government units funding of aspects of the West Lake Corridor Project. The firm also primarily drafted the agreements between the parties, a first-of-its-kind transit development district statute in the state and provided overall strategic counsel and messaging to the state and local government and agencies.

The Ice Miller team was lead by partners Sebastian Smelko, Rebecca Seamands, Phil Genetos and Audrey Howard.