



PRESS RELEASE: Erik Ortmann Joins Kaufman Dolowich, LLP as Construction Practice Partner in Firm's NY Headquarters

(June 18, 2014, Woodbury, NY) — Kaufman Dolowich & Voluck LLP (KD), a leading national law firm, today announced that Erik Ortmann has joined the firm's Construction Law practice as a partner in its Woodbury, NY headquarters. Ortmann has nearly two decades of experience in construction law and commercial litigation.

Ortmann's practice focuses on all aspects of the construction industry, representing general contractors, heavy highway and vertical building contractors, construction managers, public owners and government agencies, private owners and developers, subcontractors, construction suppliers, manufacturers and design professionals. Ortmann handles significant business and legal issues related to contract drafting and negotiation; breach of contract claims; delay claims; lien claims; bid disputes; bond and surety claims; insurance coverage and issues; M/WBE compliance issues; labor issues including Project Labor Agreements; Lien Law Article 3-A issues and claims; LEED contract compliance and administration and business structuring related to construction and development.

Ortmann comes to KD from the Rockville Centre, NY office of Goldberg & Connolly where he was a partner in the firm's Construction Law and Commercial Litigation groups.

"Many areas of the construction business are complex and becoming increasingly so, whether it is business and finance structuring, labor, sophisticated contracts, compliance, notice and record keeping requirements, insurance coverage or claims," said Ortmann. "KD has a national presence, well-established reputation and strong practices in construction and related areas such as employment, commercial litigation and environmental law that made the firm a great fit to grow my practice."

"Erik has all those qualities that are always hard to find in one attorney," said Ivan J. Dolowich, co-managing partner of KD. "He is adept at all aspects of construction law and its related practice areas. He is also well known and most important well respected in the construction community."

Ortmann earned his B.A. from the University of California, Santa Barbara and his J.D. from Hofstra University School of Law. He is admitted to practice in New York. He is a board member of the Long Island Chapter of the Construction Financial Management Association and is a member of the General Contractors Association (Law & Legislation Committee). Ortmann is certified by the U.S. Green Building Council as a LEED Green Associate.

"Erik is joining the firm at a great time," said Andrew L. Richards, chair of KD's Construction Law Practice. "In the New York metropolitan area, the disputes relating to public improvement projects are becoming more complex while the private end of construction including hotel and condominium construction is on an upswing and growing. Erik's experience and knowledge, as well as his business contacts, adds significant depth to KD's Construction Law Practice and will better serve our clients in all of our offices across the country in the challenges they face during all phases of the construction process."