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PARTNER

Overview

Jack works with businesses on all points of the construction spectrum - from small specialty contractors to large national general contractors, developers, owners, design teams, utility companies, insurers, and other professional service providers - to swiftly complete projects while mitigating risk and protecting their rights along the way.

A seasoned litigator, Jack began his career as a plaintiff's attorney, handling hundreds of claims through trial and settlement. This background gives him valuable insight into the motivations, strategies, and goals of his typical opposition now. Since joining Amundsen Davis in 2018, Jack has used that perspective to aggressively and efficiently defend his clients against injury suits, business tort actions, lien and bond claims, employment-related claims, and contract disputes.

As a member of the firm's Construction Service Group, Jack advises his clients on risk mitigation and dispute avoidance through smart contract drafting and negotiation, company policy formations, and regulatory compliance. He teaches OSHA certification classes at the Illinois Construction Safety Counsel, and frequently does presentations to industry groups such as the Underground Contractors Association of Illinois.

Outside of construction services, Jack advises physicians and medical professionals, other individual professional service providers, and independent contractors on contract negotiation and formation, restrictive covenants, and dispute avoidance.

Jack has worked with several founders of start-up litigation finance companies on issues of regulatory compliance and marketing, and writes and speaks on the topic of litigation finance frequently.

SERVICES

Construction

General Liability

OSHA

PFAS

Rail Transportation

Workers' Compensation

EDUCATION

Loyola University Chicago
School of Law, J.D., 2014

University of Pittsburgh, B.A.,
2011

ADMISSIONS

Illinois

Jack is the creator and host of *Litigation Nation*, Amundsen Davis's flagship podcast that breaks down important stories in the law, policy, legislation, and litigation. *Litigation Nation* is among the top 10% most listened to podcasts worldwide, with a growing national and international audience.

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Experience

Won Summary Judgment and Sanctions for Construction Client in the Circuit Court of Cook County

Rare FELA Not Guilty Verdict Obtained in a Case Against a Commuter Rail Provider

Secured FELA Defense Verdict in Cook County, IL for a Major Rail Carrier Client

Obtained a Not Guilty Verdict Before a Jury in a Construction Jobsite Injury Case

Won Partial Summary Judgment on Complex Issues of Federal Preemption

Negotiated a Settlement Inclusive of a Licensing and Operating Agreement for a Dispute Between an Operator of Recreational Sporting Facilities and a Sports Technology Company

Successfully Negotiated the Favorable Settlement of a Commercial Leasing Dispute

Membership & Involvement

- Member: Underground Contractors Association
- Chicago Bar Association: Current Member; Past Executive Board Member of the Young Lawyers' Section

Honors

- Selected to the Illinois Super Lawyers "Rising Stars" list: 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026

Firm News

Congratulations to Amundsen Davis's 2026 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars!

Firm News, January 21, 2026

Congratulations to Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on 2025 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists

Firm News, January 21, 2025

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Firm News

Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included in the 2024 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars List

Firm News, January 25, 2024

Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included in the 2023 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars List

Firm News, *Amundsen Davis*, January 23, 2023

Amundsen Davis Promotes Five Attorneys to Partner

Firm News, March 14, 2022

25 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on 2022 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists

Firm News, January 28, 2022

Alerts

PFAS: Protecting Your Business From 'Forever Chemical' Litigation

New Pending Illinois Legislation Could Impact Potential COVID-19 Exposure Claims

Steps to Take to Prepare for COVID-19 Claims NOW

Speaking Engagements

Construction Insights Series

Event, Amundsen Davis, Webcast, Winter 2026

Navigating Tariffs and Supply Chain Challenges

Speaking Engagement, USLAW, Webcast, March 25, 2025

Tenth Annual Construction Industry Legal Power Seminar

Event, Amundsen Davis, Livestream, January 23, 2025

Crisis Program Overview 2024

Speaking Engagement, Northern Illinois Building Contractors Association, Seminar; Rockford, IL, June 12, 2024

Reducing and Defending COVID-19 Workers' Compensation Claims

Event, Amundsen Davis, Webcast, December 17, 2020

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Published Works

The Coming Maelstrom of Regulatory Compliance, Risk Management, and Litigation Over the Hot-Button Toxic Chemicals
Publication, *USLAW Magazine*, Fall 2024

COVID Conundrum
The CLM Magazine, May 21, 2020

Blog Posts

NLRB's 2023 "Joint Employment" Rule OVERTURNED by Federal District Court
Labor & Employment Law Update, March 21, 2024

New Changes to Illinois' Wage Payment and Collection Law Seeks to Pressure General Contractors to Become Union Signatory
Labor & Employment Law Update, June 28, 2022

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