

Seyfarth Shaw Adds Two Howrey Construction Litigators in Washington DC *The new partners focus on construction law and commercial litigation.*

Washington D.C. (March 10, 2011) — Leading law firm Seyfarth Shaw LLP announced that two construction litigation attorneys in Washington DC have joined the firm from Howrey. The attorneys are partners David Mancini and James Newland Jr.

Mancini's work primarily involves contract claims and litigation in construction, government contracts and commercial law. He has served as lead counsel in federal and state courts, as well as in arbitrations, in numerous jurisdictions domestically and internationally. He has also represented clients in alternative dispute resolutions including mediation and mini-trials. In addition to his litigation work, Mancini also provides counsel on contract negotiations, project risk assessments and allocations, business strategy and training.

Mancini has a true international practice, representing clients across the United States, in Central and South America, Australia, China, Japan, Malaysia, India, the Middle East, and Central and South Asia

Newland focuses his practice on major construction and public works projects, including non-contentious and contentious matters. He represents national and international contractors and project owners in transactional work, arbitration and litigation, including arbitration claims against foreign governments. He has significant experience in vertical construction, power and heavy civil contracting and claims as well as in design-build, alliance contracting and traditional design-bid build delivery formats. Government construction contracting is a major focus of his work.

For the prior 10 years Newland has been an instructor for Federal Publications (Thomson Reuters/West) and he leads in-house training programs for major industrial and civil contractors, owners and government agencies.

Prior to practicing law, Newland was a licensed architect and worked as a project manager on development projects. Given this experience, Newland is frequently called upon to counsel clients on risk management and allocation, advising on troubled projects during the construction phase, project work-outs and project closeout strategies.

"David Mancini and James Newland bring a deep knowledge of construction law and vast experience in litigation matters that will be a perfect fit with our existing construction practice," said Richard McKim Preston, chair of Seyfarth Shaw's Construction practice group. "As the construction industry rebounds along with the economy, so will litigation and the need for dispute resolution. With the addition of David and James, we are in a good position to capture our share of that work."

"We welcome David and James to Seyfarth," said Joseph Damato, Office Managing Partner for Seyfarth in Washington DC. "All three have sterling reputations as attorneys as well as individuals. They come highly recommended and their litigation experience puts them among the best in their sector."

"We look forward to working with all our new colleagues in Seyfarth Shaw's construction practice as well as the other litigators in the firm," said Mancini. "Seyfarth has a truly comprehensive construction group

covering the United States and abroad , which is something we found attractive and we think our clients will be equally impressed.”

“Seyfarth offers a full-service platform for our construction clients” said Newland. “The firm offers an extensive array of service lines, including labor and employment, OSHA, real estate, environmental and corporate practice groups, all of which are now available to our clients.”

Mancini received a BS, *cum laude*, from University of Maryland and his JD from Georgetown University Law Center. He holds bar admissions in the District of Columbia, Maryland, Texas, and Virginia.

Newland received a BA from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and his JD from University of Pittsburgh School of Law. He holds bar admissions in Washington DC and Virginia.

Seyfarth Shaw’s comprehensive construction practice advises and assists companies throughout all phases of the construction process. With more than 40 attorneys in the United States and abroad, Seyfarth has one of the largest and most experienced construction practices in the country.

The construction practice’s attorneys assist clients with issues that arise in the drafting, negotiation, and performance of contracts, and have extensive experience in developing contract documents that are designed to preclude costly disputes as projects progress. Seyfarth attorneys also work with clients to effectively resolve disputes involving all types of construction projects. They have detailed knowledge of construction finance; innovative forms of insurance protection; zoning regulations; contract law; and other areas of legal and technical skill required to provide targeted, innovative and efficient dispute avoidance and resolution services.

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