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Joseph B. Carini, III, is the president of Johnson & Bell, Ltd., and also serves as the firm's data security officer. He is co-chair of the Construction group and concentrates his practice in construction litigation and general negligence. He has extensive experience defending owners, project managers, general contractors, architects, engineers, and subcontractors in construction litigation involving personal injury accidents and construction defect and design disputes. He also defends contractors and municipalities in litigation involving accidents arising out of highway construction, signage, and signal maintenance.

Mr. Carini serves as an emergency on-site presence for catastrophic accident investigations. He also conducts risk management seminars for managers and workers, addresses insurance coverage issues, and provides contract review services. Mr. Carini is a certified litigation management professional, having completed his certification at the Litigation Management Institute at Columbia Law School in New York. His success as a trial attorney has been recognized by his peers, who have honored him with an AV rating from [Martindale-Hubbell](#), and election to the Chicago Society of Trial Lawyers, and American Board of Trial Advocates. He has been recognized as a *Super Lawyer* and as a *Leading Lawyer* in Illinois.

ADMISSIONS & EDUCATION

ADMISSIONS

Illinois Supreme Court

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Indiana

EDUCATION

The John Marshall Law School, J.D., 1988

Marquette University, 1985

AFFILIATIONS

ALFA Construction Law Practice Group, vice chair

The American Bar Association

Midwest Regional Editor, ALFA Construction Law Compendium, 2007 and 2009

Member of the Claims & Litigation Management Alliance

American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)

Midwest Regional Editor, ALFA Construction Law Compendium, 2007 and 2009

Member, Council on Litigation Management

ALFA International Construction Group Steering Committee

Member, Construction Lawyers Society of America

HONORS

Super Lawyers (Construction Litigation, IL) 2007, 2019-2026

AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell

Admitted to the Society of Trial Lawyers

Leading Lawyers 2014-2025

Best Lawyers, 2026

CLIENT RESULTS

[Carini Secures Defense Verdict in \\$1.7M Breach of Contract Case](#)

[Carini Obtains Defense Verdict in Wrongful Death Case Seeking \\$11M](#)

[Joseph B. Carini Secures Defense Verdict in Construction Litigation Case Seeking \\$6.4 Million](#)

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS

Co-Presenter, "The Brave New World of Prevention Through Design," ALFA International Construction Practice Group Regional, Detroit, MI, April 2023

Presenter, "Genetics' Growing Interaction with the Law - Scanning the Legal Landscape: The Discoverability and Admissibility of Genetic Evidence in Civil Litigation", June 30, 2021

Panelist, [ALFA International](#) Construction Seminar, "Is Your Job Site Hazard Analysis Putting the Company at Risk?", July 25-27, 2018 Alberta, Canada

Moderator, [ALFA International](#) Construction Practice Group Seminar, "Undocumented Workers in the Workforce", July 27-28, 2016, Racho Palos Verdes, California

Moderator, ALFA Construction Practice Group Seminar, "Lee'ding the Way to a Greener Tomorrow: Leed V4 and its Impact On Building Design", July 30-August 1, 2015, Asheville, North Carolina

Speaker, "Pinch Hitting: Choosing the Best Expert for Your Construction Case," Spring Symposium hosted by the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel and Illinois Insurance Association, Chicago, IL, April 4, 2014

Speaker, ALFA Construction Law Practice Group Seminar, "Product Failure Claims in Construction", July 25-27, 2012

Speaker, "Accident Investigation Techniques Helpful to Defending Litigation", Builders Association of Greater Chicago, Contractor Safety Forum, November 2011

Speaker, "Selection Use and Management of Expert Witnesses", Council on Litigation Management, July 2011

Speaker, "Avoiding and Resolving Construction Disputes", The International Association of Claims Professionals, June 2011

Program Chair and Speaker, Anatomy of a Case, Chicago ALFA Seminar

Speaker, "Jury Selection from the Defense Perspective", Chicago Daily Law Bulletin

Speaker, "Techniques to Minimize Exposure," ALFA Seminar on Accident & OSHA Investigation

PUBLICATIONS

["Modifications to Form Contract and Construction Manager's Conduct Collapses Defense."](#) Client Advisory, November 8, 2013

[United States Court of Appeals for Seventh Circuit Affirms OSHA Citation Based on Evidence That While Considered "Substantial" Was Neither Precise, Actual, Nor Considerable,](#) Johnson & Bell Construction Newsletter, Winter 2013

[Important Insurance Coverage Cases for Contractors](#)

[Construction Law in Illinois - A Primer](#)

Targeted Tenders and Horizontal Exhaustion

OSHA Increases Penalties, Johnson & Bell, Ltd. Construction Law Alert, Fall 2010

Co-Author ALFA Construction Law Compendium