

Raymond J. Michaud

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Raymond actively defends complex professional liability, construction litigation and product liability matters. This includes the defense of accountants, architects, engineers, surveyors, contractors, allied construction professionals, and product manufacturers.

Raymond is experienced in complex multiparty litigation and has successfully represented clients in matters involving wrongful death, personal injury, school construction, condominium construction defects, reserve studies, public entity construction projects, geotechnical engineering (wall and slope collapse), crane collapse, roof failures, building collapse, surveying claims, bond claims, construction liens, fire litigation, and manufacturing product liability claims.

Upon graduating from Rutgers University in 1990, Raymond accepted a commission as a Second Lieutenant with the United States Air Force. He held numerous assignments as a Missile Combat Crew Commander during his active service, among other responsibilities. Raymond is a combat veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom, having served a tour in Afghanistan with the Combined Forces Special Operation Component Command - Afghanistan. In June 2011, Raymond retired as a Lt. Colonel from the United States Air Force.

Raymond received his juris doctor from Widener University School of Law, an MBA (accounting) from Rockhurst University, and a Bachelor of Arts from Rutgers University.

Education

- Widener University Delaware Law School (J.D., 2001)
- Rockhurst University (M.B.A., 1994)
- Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (B.A., 1990)

Admissions

Practices

- Architectural, Engineering & Construction Defect Litigation
- Miscellaneous Professional Liability
- Product Liability
- General Liability
- Accountants' Professional Liability

- New Jersey, 2002

Associations & Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Burlington County Bar Association
- Camden County Bar Association
- New Jersey Bar Association
- United States Air Force (Reserves)

Classes/Seminars Taught

- *Case Studies in Ethics for Engineers*, American Water Works Association (AWWA) NJ Annual Conference, Atlantic City, NJ, March 23, 2023
- *Risk Strategy*, Joint Meeting of the NJSPLS North Jersey Chapter and the Engineers and Surveyors Association of Bergen Passaic, May 2015
- *Forensic Accounting for Attorneys*
- *Risk Strategies for Architects*
- *Interpreting Indemnity Provisions in Contracts*
- *Standardize Contracts: A Comparison of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and the ConsensusDOCS*
- *Key Concepts in Design Professional Ethics*
- *Understanding and Complying with the American With Disabilities Act: Barrier Free Requirements*
- *How can Design Professionals Reduce Delay Claims*
- *Design Professional: Emerging Renewable Energy*

Published Works

- "Develop the Helpful Habits to Ward Off Litigation," *Pennsylvania CPA Journal*, Spring 2023

Significant Representative Matters

- Summary judgment granted for defendant in surveying malpractice matter. Reaffirmed on appeal to Appellate Court. Defendant found not to be liable for the plaintiff's \$850K claim for surveying damages.
- Successfully extracted design professional defendant from a wrongful death matter by summary judgment motion. Client was alleged to have provided improper design and site supervision.
- Successfully extracted general contractor defendant from litigation by summary judgment motion where a worker fell from a roof.
- Received no cause verdict for a developer in a multiparty roof collapse litigation after a six-week trial. Successfully defended the manufacturer of a crane manufacturer in a wrongful death product liability claim where the plaintiff, the operator, was crushed in a collapse.
- Obtained a summary judgment dismissal for an indemnification claim in excess of \$40 million.

Thought Leadership

June 1, 2023

Develop the Helpful Habits to Ward Off Litigation

March 3, 2023

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