

# John Dannecker Discusses COVID-19 Liability Waivers in Construction Dive

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John H. Dannecker, a partner in the Orlando office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, recently offered insight on COVID-19 liability waivers for *Construction Dive*'s series, "The Dotted Line," which provides in-depth perspective on the legal landscape of the construction industry.

The article, titled "The Dotted Line: When should contractors use COVID-19 liability waivers," discusses the challenges surrounding the use of such waivers by contractors trying to limit risk associated with virus transmission. In addition to questions about who should be required to sign liability waivers and how they should be written, the article also discusses indemnification limitations. Commenting on the enforceability of COVID-19 liability waivers in the construction industry, John discussed added protocol already in place due to the pandemic, problems related to asking employees to waive employer responsibility on job sites, as well as potential issues with OSHA and workers compensation.

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#### About John H. Dannecker

John H. Dannecker is a partner in the Orlando office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where he is a member of the firm's Construction Law Practice Group. John is Florida Bar Board Certified in Construction Law. In his 32 years in the practice of complex, large dollar construction disputes, John has developed a reputation for bringing an innovative and result-oriented mindset to the dispute resolution process. In addition to his construction practice, John has litigated numerous commercial business disputes, including troubled mergers and acquisitions, accounting malpractice, disadvantaged business enterprises, non-compete agreements, and theft of trade secrets. Using his trial experience and negotiating skills, he helps clients avoid disputes providing creative contract drafting ideas that reward early resolution of disputes. John is involved in various bar association activities, including The Florida Bar Construction Law Committee and the American Bar Association Construction Law Section. He is a former Barrister in the Central Florida Chapter of the American

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