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OVERVIEW

Quinn Murphy brings over 20 years of legal and trial experience to the firm. His practice focuses on business, construction, and commercial litigation. Quinn has represented contractors, subcontractors, manufacturers, real estate developers in litigation throughout the United States. He is a trial lawyer with significant trial experience in state and federal court. In addition to his significant first chair trial experience, Quinn has successfully mediated and arbitrated disputes to resolution in Florida, Illinois, Missouri, California, New York, and throughout the United States.

A creative thinker, Quinn's ability to serve his clients relies not only on deep knowledge and experience but also on his capacity to creatively solve common problems in non-traditional ways. If a resolution cannot be reached, Quinn's clients rely on him as a strong trial attorney, and his ability to "connect with a jury" has resulted in numerous favorable verdicts and awards for his clients at trial.

Quinn spent the first eight years of his career with a large international firm that today is the largest law firm in the world. Thereafter, Quinn was a partner at two mid-to-large-sized Midwest law firms, where he represented clients in a wide range of business, commercial and construction litigation matters.

A former college basketball player, Quinn is an avid competitor, who feeds his competitive spirit by watching his kids play college sports. When time permits, Quinn enjoys watching movies and reading books about mountain climbing outdoor adventure and science fiction.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Construction

- Representing contractors, equipment rental companies, subcontractors, and suppliers in filing and prosecuting mechanics lien and payment bond claims in all 50 states.
- Prosecuting and defending claims of defective construction and project delay throughout the United States.
- Represented contractor in unlawful interference claim based on design professional's interference with project bid.
- Defended project owner in claim for \$7.5 million project cost overage asserted by general contractor.
- Assisting clients throughout the United States in designing internal collection system to maximize accounts receivable recovery.

Environmental Contamination

- Defended property owner in California against purchaser's claim for recovery of \$5 million EPA-mandated soil remediation costs arising from petroleum infiltration.
- Represented Illinois college in prosecution of \$1.5 million claim to recover mold remediation cost against HVAC contractor arising from defective product and design.
- Defended seller of property in Chicago, Illinois in \$3.5 million action filed by property purchaser based on diesel fuel leak and soil/water remediation cost.
- Defended contractor in Madison County, Illinois against personal injury claims of aerosol fume inhalation arising from application of concrete sealant in commercial warehouse.

PUBLICATIONS

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- Quoted, Legal Q & A: Dealing with sub/supplier late payment issues, *The Construction Broadsheet*, March 2024
- Author, The Do's and Don'ts of Construction Collections, *Build America*, March 2024
- Author, Legal Q & A: Can we still get paid?, *AGC Smartbrief*, December 2023
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- Author, No Payment, No Lien, No Problem: Securing Payment When Your Contractor Goes Bankrupt & Your Lien Rights Expire, *St. Louis Construction News & Review*, October 2023
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- Author, Legal Q and A: Responsibility for damage on/around project site, *The Construction Broadsheet*, April 2023
- Author, Surviving the Perfect Storm: Five Ways to Handle Contractual Disagreements over Instructions to Proceed, *Construction News and Review*, 2023
- Author, Litigation Poker: Five Contract Provisions that Tilt Litigation Odds in Your Favor, *Saint Louis Construction News and Review*, 2023
- Author, Legal Q and A: Critical tasks to start off 2023, *The Construction Broadsheet*, January 5, 2023
- Author, Construction Collections 101: Five Ways to More Effectively Pursue Collections, *St. Louis Construction News*, November 28, 2022
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- Quoted, Legal Q and A: Tricky owner situations, *The Construction Broadsheet*, June 2022
- Quoted, Legal Q and A: Joint venture potential pitfalls, *The Construction Broadsheet*, April 2022
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- Quoted, Legal Q and A: Scope creep and contractors that don't have enough workforce capacity, *The Construction Broadsheet*, December 2021

- Quoted, [Legal Q and A: Material delays and verbal change orders](#), *The Construction Broadsheet*, September 2021
- Quoted, [The Dotted Line: As material delays persist, it pays to know what's in your contract](#), *Construction Dive*, April 2021
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- Quoted, [The Dotted Line: How to get payment from slow-paying general contractors](#), *Construction Dive*, February 25, 2020
- Quoted, [OSHA: Faulty wiring at Universal Orlando caused electric shocks to employees, guests](#), *Construction Dive*, November 14, 2019
- Quoted, [How technology can help contractors prevent lawsuits](#), *Construction Dive*, October 2, 2019
- Quoted, [Moody's: Fixed-price E&C contracts can be more risk than reward](#), *Construction Dive*, September 10, 2019
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- Quoted, [How Construction Cos. Can Weather Another Gov't Shutdown](#), *Law360*, January 28, 2019
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CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- Florida
- Missouri
- Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Northern, Central and Southern Districts of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri
- U.S. District Court, Northern, Central and Southern Districts of Illinois

Memberships

- American Bar Association – Construction Division
- American Subcontractor Association – Midwest
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (BAMSL)
- Home Builders Association of Greater Southwest Illinois
- Home Builders Association of St. Louis and Eastern Missouri
- Missouri Bar Construction Law Committee, Chair
- Site Improvement Association
- Inducted Fellow, Construction Lawyer’s Society of America
- Trial Law Institute

Community Involvement

- Former Board Member, Board of Directors for Lighthouse for the Blind

Education

- J.D., *cum laude*, Saint Louis University School of Law
 - Article Editor for the St. Louis University Law Journal
 - Moot Court Champion
 - Academic Excellence Award
- M.B.A., Drury University
- B.A., Business Administration, Drury University

Honors

- *Best Lawyers in America*® distinction in Construction Law (2021-2025), Litigation – Construction (2021-2025)
- Top Legal Innovation Award Recipient, *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*, 2018
- *Super Lawyers*® Rising Star (2012, 2024)
- Up & Coming Lawyer, *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*, 2011
- Charter Fellow, *Construction Lawyers Society of American*