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Professional Background:

Tony Karamuzis is a partner practicing in the Chicago office of SmithAmundsen and is a member of the firm's Construction Practice Group. He is an experienced trial attorney and has tried numerous jury cases to verdict. He has also resolved many cases through arbitration and mediation, and has been successful in obtaining Summary Judgment rulings for many clients. He is a trained arbitrator for the Illinois Mandatory Arbitration Program. Tony has been admitted *pro hac vice* in jurisdictions throughout the United States, and has defended clients in Illinois, Nevada, West Virginia, Florida, New York and Indiana. Tony frequently defends clients in the construction industry, including owners, general contractors, subcontractors and others, in the areas of construction defect, catastrophic injury claims, business litigation, insurance coverage and transactional matters. He has also completed the OSHA 10 Hour Construction Course.

Tony's experience includes representing both plaintiffs and defendants in all types of commercial litigation matters and he has represented clients in the appellate court. Tony has written Amicus Curiae ("friend of the court") briefs to the Illinois Supreme Court and has been appointed by three federal judges to represent indigent individuals Pro Se in civil and criminal proceedings. He has represented numerous clients in the entertainment industry as well. He has a wide range of experience handling both state and federal cases, and also handles transactional and corporate litigation for our clients. In his spare time, Tony is an active volunteer for the Starlight Starbright Children's Foundation.

Education:

Tony received his Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Loyola University in 1988 and his Juris Doctor degree from DePaul University College of Law in 1991.

Practice Areas:

- Appellate
- Commercial Transportation
- Construction
- Insurance Services - Coverage

Publications & Speeches

- Author, "Kajima Rouch II - Application of the Selective Tender Rule to Excess Carriers," **IDC Quarterly**, First Quarter 2007.
- Speaker, "Legal Aspects of Safety in Construction" and "The Impact of Contracts on Tort Issues," **AGC of Milwaukee**, Wisconsin, August 2006.
- Speaker, "Construction and Coverage Law Update Additional Insureds, Target Tenders, and Joint and Several Liability," **Chicago Claim Managers Association**, April 6, 2006.
- Co-Author, "Insurance Coverage for Defense Counsel: A Primer," **Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel Monograph**, First Quarter 2006.
- Speaker, "The Multi-Employer Worksite – Avoiding the Hazards," **SmithAmundsen Construction Safety Institute**, March 2, 2006.
- Speaker, "The Sword and the Shield – Avoiding and Limiting Exposure in Worksite Injury Claims," **The Associated General Contractors Of America Safety and Health Committee**, January 13, 2006, Scottsdale, AZ.
- Speaker, "Analyzing and Proving Construction Project Damages: The Construction Contract at Trial and Arbitration," **Lorman Education Seminar**, July 12, 2005.
- Speaker, "Controlling Risk on the Job Site from Contract to Completion: Practical Tips," **OSHA/AMEC Strategic Partnership Quarterly Meeting**, January 27, 2005.
- Editor, The SmithAmundsen Construction Practice Group Newsletter.

Professional Appointments

- Member: IDC Insurance Law Committee. Member: The Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel, Defense Research Institute and First Amendment Lawyers Association.