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PRESENTERS
Risk Management Consultants
Victor Insurance Managers, Inc.

Risky Business: Contract Negotiation to Protect Profitability
– March 3

This webinar will explain the difference between contractual and professional liability and look at the importance of clear, reasonable, and coordinated contractual provisions.



In addition, the program will analyze provisions of non-standard professional services agreements and examine the changing contractual issues caused by recent challenges including the Covid-19 influence on professional services, the evolving standard of care related to concerns over climate change, and other contractual developments that threaten the traditional practice of consulting engineering firms.



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Who Should Attend? This session is essential for anyone in a firm who wants to negotiate effective and fair contracts that enable engineers firms to meet client needs and practice profitably.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

Zoom login credentials are included with the registration confirmation.

Click [HERE](#) to see who's already registered.



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All things related to the legislature can be found at this website

(committees, hearing schedules, video, contact information and other key information):

[Oregon State Legislature](http://OregonStateLegislature.gov)
(oregonlegislature.gov)

Coba's Capitol Comments

The 100% online legislative session rolls into the third week and it is becoming clearer that the virtual system won't keep up with the pace of a traditional session. Already the timing of issues to move forward has been slowed with virtual testimony, virtual staff work, virtual amendment discussions and an ongoing difficulty in lobbyists and the public having timely conversations with legislators on the many aspects of a bill for policy or process. The further we get into the session the new bills in committees will only add to the burden on legislators, staff, lobbyists and the public and will ensure that the session will find its level of what is possible. I've heard that agency presentations have been limited to about half the time of a normal session. It appears that the comments of **Senator Betsy Johnson** may be coming to fruition as she has suggested a slowing of the process and to triage key issues for now and save others for in-person hearings and advocacy. Her concern is that with too much on the plate and too high expectations that when we are setting the process up for accomplishing much less than was hoped for. It is expected that far fewer bills will ultimately pass this session compared to a normal session.

SB 213, the ACEC sponsored bill on duty to defend provision in professional contracts, has been slowed by outreach to other organizations including AGC, trial lawyers, local governments, and others. We have met with all these groups a few times and they are now considering amendments to SB 213 amongst themselves. We will know on Friday of this week if we are able to reach a consensus to move forward together. In addition, we have met with ODOT procurement staff and attorneys to discuss SB 213. They too will have additional input into the bill. To meet the timeframes and deadlines for the session to move SB 213 forward we will need to schedule a public hearing by the end of February.

HB 2310, a bill that is supported by the American Chemistry Council and impacts water pipe materials used in local government water projects, may have a hearing next Tuesday in the House Water Committee. This is in response to new -1 amendments that were just released yesterday. ACEC is working closely with a coalition opposed to the bill that includes all local government organizations, AGC, OCAPA, steel pipe interests and others. HB 2310 is similar to a bill that has been introduced in legislatures across the country. As of this writing none of the bills have been passed into law.



Thank you to these firms and individuals for their support of the scholarship fun!



ACEC Oregon Scholarship

ELIGIBLE HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ENCOURAGED TO APPLY!

(Due to the Covid pandemic, SAT and ACT scores have been waived for 2021 applications.)

Application deadline is March 1.

For more details, go to OSAC (Oregon Office of Student Access and Completion) 2020-21 Scholarship Catalog (<https://app.oregonstudentaid.gov/Catalog/Default.aspx>) and search for "371." It is scholarship 371: American Council of Engineering Companies of Oregon.

DONATE TO THE FUND!

Click [HERE](#) for a message from the Scholarship Committee board rep, and ACEC Oregon Secretary/Treasurer, **Ron Vandehey**, about the importance of donating to the fund.

And hear from a few of our past scholarship recipients how the scholarship helped them:

- **Hilary Chaimov**, 2017 scholarship recipient
- **Ryan Rudnick**, 2010 scholarship recipient
- **Katelin Vandehey**, 2018 scholarship recipient
- **Evan Altorfer**, 2012 scholarship recipient

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WHEN:
11:00 A.M. PST
(2:00 P.M. EST)

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TOMORROW! ACEC Business Insurance Trust webinar
How will the Covid-19 Vaccine Change Your Firm in 2021? – February 11

As the Covid-19 vaccine roll-out begins, it's important for design firms to understand how employee inoculation will impact your business in 2021. In this 45-minute webinar, the EPIC Employee Benefits and Greyling Property & Casualty Insurance Teams will share issues that could arise related to employee inoculation, best practices for employee vaccinations, and potential liability concerns you should be aware of as more employees return to work in person.

During this webinar we'll discuss:

Design Firm Survey Results – What are your fellow design firms doing to address employee vaccination?

Vaccination Best Practices – What are the best approaches for handling employee vaccination issues?

Return to Work Considerations – As employees start getting inoculated, what updates should you be making to your return-to-the-office plan?

Liability Concerns – How will your insurer respond if an employee contracts Covid-19 or infects others while on the job?



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A Conversation with Hinge Marketing's Karl Feldman](#)
- [A look into the Engineering Industry Economic Contribution Report
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UPCOMING

- April 14 – Financial Management for A/E Firms
- May 20 – Annual Business Meeting with committee reports
- June 16 – [Networking Day golf tournament](#)

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