

# Mary M. Bonacorsi

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## THOMPSON COBURN LLP

### Construction Disputes

Mary Bonacorsi has been a partner in the litigation department for 25 years and is the chair of the real estate and construction litigation practice area. She has tried more than 75 jury and non-jury cases to conclusion and is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates. She is also a fellow of the American Bar Foundation. She serves as co-chairperson of the Federal Practice Committee for the Eastern District of Missouri, acting as liaison with the judges of the Eastern District of Missouri on local rules, seminars and other federal practice issues.

Mary has experience in resolving both simple and complex construction disputes, whether through litigation, arbitration, or other methods of alternative dispute resolution. Her experience includes mechanics liens, prompt payment claims, claim disputes involving construction defects, equitable adjustments, change orders delay and disruption, acceleration, and differing site conditions as well as payment and performance bonds. She has represented public owners in connection with a variety of design and construction related disputes arising out of light rail projects in St. Clair County, Illinois, St. Louis City and St. Louis County, Missouri.

#### Professional Affiliations

- **American Bar Association**
- **Missouri Bar Association**
- **The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis**
- **Illinois Bar Association**
- **Federal Practice Committee of Eastern District of Missouri**  
Member and Chairperson (1988-Present)
- **Committee for Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference**  
Member, Attorney  
Admission Fee Fund Committee
- **Federal Magistrate Selection Panel**  
Chair (1991-1992)
- **Federal Practice Memorial Trust**  
Trustee (2001-Present)



#### Employment

- **Thompson Coburn LLP**  
Partner (1984-Present)  
Associate (1977-1983)

#### Education

- **Washington University School of Law**  
J.D., *Order of the Coif*  
(1977)
- **Washington University**  
B.S. (1971)

#### Licensure

- Missouri (1977)
- Illinois (1981)

#### Honors

- **Best Lawyers in America, Eminent Domain**  
(2006-Present)
- **The American Bar Foundation**  
Fellow
- **American Board of Trial Advocates**
- **Listed in Missouri/Kansas Super Lawyers**  
(2005-2008)
- **Listed in Super Lawyers Corporate Counsel**  
(2008)

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## **Civic Involvement**

- **Herbert Hoover Boys & Girls Club**  
Member, Board of Directors
- **The Salvation Army**  
Chairperson (2000-2002)  
Vice Chair (1998-2000)  
Executive Committee (1996-Present)  
Treasurer (1996-1998)  
Chair, Property Committee (1998-Present)  
Chair, Finance Committee (1996-1998)
- **Lutheran Family & Children's Services**  
Public Relations Committee to Advisory Board
- **United Way of Greater St. Louis**  
Consultant, Court Appointed Special Advocates