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In his work representing a variety of construction entities, J.D. Glisson may find himself on any given day on top of a wind turbine or inside a mine. Construction law brings unique opportunities with each project, and J.D. takes a practical, business-minded approach to understanding the details and advising clients on the best course of action.

With an extensive background in construction litigation, J.D. represents contractors, subcontractors, owners and design professionals in mediations, arbitration and trials, as well as hearings before government boards. He has handled cases involving contract default claims, bid disputes; delay, acceleration and disruption/inefficiency claims; defective workmanship claims; engineering and design error claims; and lien and bond claims.

In recent years, J.D. has worked with several clients in the fast-growing senior-living and health care sectors. His work has included contract negotiation and dispute resolution between contractors and owners of these types of facilities. Another growing area of his practice involves issues related to the construction and maintenance of oil and gas and energy projects.

He also advises clients on contracts and handles requests for real-time advice on issues that come up while construction is in progress. With the goal of helping the parties avoid disputes and have greater project success, questions may range from how to proceed with extra work to handling delays or contract termination issues.

J.D.'s nearly three decades of experience in construction law originated in a bit of family wisdom. Two civil-engineer uncles in the construction field had one piece of advice on working in their industry teeming with legal issues: "Go to law school." So J.D. paired a degree in engineering with a law school education and work experience in engineering and construction. Then and now, that background gives his construction law practice a solid foundation of industry understanding.

Education

- University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (B.S., 1994)
 - Civil Engineering

Practices & Industries

- Construction
- Construction Litigation
- Construction Industry
- Energy Industry
- Energy
- Convenience Retailing
- Energy Litigation
- Oil & Gas
- Renewables
- Utilities

- University of Illinois College of Law (J.D., 1997)

Bar Admissions

- Missouri
- Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association (*Forum on Construction Law, Construction Litigation Committee, Public Contract Law Section, Tort and Insurance Practice Section, Fidelity and Surety Law Committee*)
- The Missouri Bar (*Construction Law Committee, Past Chair*)
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (*Construction Law Committee, Past Co-Chair*)
- Associated General Contractors of Missouri (AGCMO) (*Board of Directors*)
- Engineers' Club of St. Louis

Community Involvement

- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (*Mock Trial Judge/Evaluator*)
- Habitat for Humanity - St. Louis (*Lawyers Committee*)
- Manchester United Methodist Church
- FOCUS - Leadership St. Louis
- Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, St. Louis Chapter (*Board of Directors, Past President*)
- Regional Union Construction Center (*Advisory Board of Directors*)

Awards & Honors

- Ranked as one of Missouri's "Leaders in Their Field" in Construction by Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business (2025; 2026)
- Named to The Legal 500 US Elite, Chicago, Construction (2026)
- Named to The POWER List: Construction Law, *Missouri Lawyers Media* (2024; 2026)
- Named to *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Construction Law (2023-2027), Litigation – Construction (2012-2027)
- Named *Best Lawyers* Litigation – Construction "Lawyer of the Year" in St. Louis (2023)
- Named to the Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers list, Construction Litigation (2007-2025)
- Named to the Super Lawyers Top 100 in Missouri & Kansas (2025)
- Named to the Super Lawyers Top 50 in St. Louis (2023-2025)

Experience

- **Port crane construction:** Represented a fabrication contractor in prosecuting and defending arbitration claims arising out of the construction of a port crane.
- **Senior living facility:** Represented the owner of a large senior living facility in construction defect claims against the contractor and design defect claims against the architect.
- **Data center:** Represented an international owner in prosecuting claims against an engineer on a new data center facility.
- **Cement manufacturing plant:** Successfully defended a contractor's arbitration claims for delay, inefficiency and extra work and prosecuted owner's counterclaims for defective and incomplete work arising out of the construction of a new dry-process cement plant.
- **Airport terminal facility:** Represented a general contractor in a breach of contract action against the city of St. Louis arising out of construction of the East Terminal at Lambert-St. Louis International Airport. *McCarthy Building Companies, et al. v. City of St. Louis*, 81 S.W.3d 139 (Mo.App. E.D. 2002).
- **Federal courthouse:** Trial of a contractor's claim against a government agency for additional costs incurred in constructing the federal courthouse in Kansas City, Missouri, due to defective specifications. *J.E. Dunn Construction Co. v. General Services Administration*, GSBCA No. 14477, 00-1 BCA 30806, 2000 WL 260609 (March 2, 2000).
- **Highway construction:** Trial of claims brought by a road contractor against surety for delays on a highway project in Arkansas. *Angelo lafrate Construction, LLC v. Potashnick Construction, Inc. and The Travelers Casualty & Surety Co.*, 370 F.3d 715 (8th Cir. 2004).
- **University recreation center:** Trial of a contractor's differing site conditions and defective specifications claims against a public owner related to the construction of a university recreation center in West Virginia.
- **Deep water well:** Jury trial of a well-drilling contractor's differing site conditions claim against a public water district arising out of the construction of a deep water well.
- **Nuclear waste handling facility:** Delay and inefficiency claims against a construction manager pertaining to the construction of a nuclear waste facility for the U. S. Department of Energy in Tennessee.
- **Military base:** Bid protest on a project for the construction of an Army aviation support facility in Rolla, Missouri.
- **Public housing:** Enforcement of an arbitration clause in a contract between a general contractor and a subcontractor for excavation work on a public housing project. *Metro Demolition & Excavating Company v. H.B.D. Contracting, Inc., et al.* 37 S.W.3d 843 (Mo.App. E.D. 2002).
- **Football stadium/exhibition hall:** Structural steel subcontractor's claims against the general contractor for extra work/design defects arising out of the construction of a sport stadium/exhibition hall.

News & Media

August 20, 2026

UB Greensfelder Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® 2027 List

July 21, 2026

UB Greensfelder Attorneys and Firm Earn Recognition in Legal 500 2026 U.S. City Elite Rankings

June 4, 2026

UB Greensfelder Earns Top Rankings in Chambers USA 2026 Edition

August 21, 2025

UB Greensfelder Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® 2026 List

June 5, 2025

UB Greensfelder Expands Chambers USA Rankings with 13 Practices and 24 Attorneys Recognized in the 2025 Edition

August 15, 2024

UB Greensfelder Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® 2025 List

November 14, 2023

Greensfelder Attorneys Named to 2023 Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers Lists

August 17, 2023

Best Lawyers 2024 Edition Lists 66 Greensfelder Attorneys, Including Five “Lawyers Of The Year”

August 18, 2022

Best Lawyers 2023 Edition Lists Over 60 Greensfelder Attorneys, Including Five St. Louis ‘Lawyers Of The Year’

August 19, 2021

Best Lawyers 2022 Edition Lists 60 Greensfelder Attorneys, Including Three St. Louis ‘Lawyers Of The Year’