

Highlights

Project Management Experience
Nationwide

Construction Management
Experience Nationwide

Expert Consultant, Litigation
Experience

Expertise

Completion Contracting

Construction Claim Analysis & Prep

Construction Estimating

Construction Management

Construction Project Consulting,
General

Cost to Complete Studies

Litigation Support & Expert
Testimony (Construction)

Owner's Representation

Program Management

Project Monitoring & Funds
Control

Project Relets & Bidding

Schedule & Impact Analysis

Surety

Catastrophe Claim

Construction Defect

Contract Claim

Damages

Litigation Support & Expert
Testimony (Forensics)

Property Claim - Personal

Forensic Accounting

Construction Monitoring

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BIOGRAPHY

Jeffrey Katz is a Vice President of VERTEX who leads the surety team in the Northeast region and manages complex contract claim matters. Mr. Katz is a professional engineer who has been involved as a consultant or expert on large files across North America, preparing claims and expert reports related to project completion costs, unforeseen conditions, design issues, project delay and schedule impacts, overpayment, construction defects, and more. In 2018, Mr. Katz was selected as one of Civil + Structural Engineer magazine's Rising Stars.

In addition to expert work, Mr. Katz has managed the construction of numerous complicated projects throughout the world, including the construction of a \$79M U.S. Government facility in Germany; a \$27M midrise apartment building in Georgia; the construction of a multi-level post-tension concrete parking structure at Fort Hood, Texas as part of the \$600M medical center construction; construction of two \$16M service plazas in Ohio; and the completion and closeout of multiple projects throughout the country, including state police facilities, schools/universities, community and public works buildings, high-rise housing developments, luxury condominiums, and more. His primary focus is distressed projects and completion of projects following a default. Mr. Katz also served as Resident Engineer for the construction of a ferry terminal on Long Island.

Mr. Katz has also provided program management for a global insurance provider, providing constructability reviews and quality control inspections to mitigate construction defects and potential project losses, for a portfolio of over \$2B in construction value, including marquee high-rise developments in Los Angeles, Boston, Miami, D.C., Indianapolis and Philadelphia, in addition to other project types including sports arenas/stadiums and condominium communities.

EDUCATION/TRAINING

B.S., Civil and Environmental Engineering, Cornell University 2010

LICENSES/CERTIFICATIONS

Professional Engineer (PE) – Civil/Construction, State of NY

30 Hour OSHA Construction

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Construction Quality Management Training

ACI Concrete Field Testing Technician - Grade 1

Notary Public, New York County

NYC DOB 4-Hour Supported Scaffold User

ASSOCIATIONS

American Society of Civil Engineers

Surety Claims Institute

American Institute of Steel Construction

American Wood Council

Former Treasurer for 301 E 22nd St Tenants Corporation

Infrastructure Committee for 301 E 22nd St Tenants Corporation

Engineering Global Fellows

Cornell University Alumni Class Officer

PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- "COVID-19 Supply Chain Impacts & Construction Delays" - Vertex web publication, April 2020
- "The Effect of Submittals and Implications for the Surety" - Surety Claims Institute, June 2019
- Three-Part Web Series on New York City's L-Train Repairs: "Recovering from a Natural Disaster", "Construction Projects and Stakeholders", "The Rise of Fiber-Reinforced Polymers" - Vertex web publication, May 2019
- "How to Measure the Reasonableness of Completion Costs Post Termination-For-Cause." Fidelity & Surety Law Committee Newsletter, Fall 2018
- "The Need for Applying Project Management Strategies to Facility Closures." CMAA Advisor, Spring 2018
- "Cost-to-Complete and Closing Out Projects" - CE/CLE-accredited presentation, June 2020
- Guest on Westfield Group's 'Closing the Gap' podcast to discuss COVID-19 construction impacts - May 2020
- "COVID-19: Considerations for the Surety Professional: Performing Surety - Active Jobs and Completions" - CE/CLE-accredited webinar, April 2020
- "COVID-19: Considerations for the Surety Professional: Performing Surety - Consequential Impacts and Construction Delays" - CE/CLE-accredited webinar, April 2020
- "COVID-19: Impacts on the Surety" - CE/CLE-accredited presentation, April 2020
- "The Complex Payment Bond Claim" - CE/CLE-accredited presentation, April 2020
- "Navigating the Outbreak - The Components of a Project Continuity Plan" - Associated General Contractors of America webinar, March 2020
- "From Paper to Practice: How the AIA A201 Impacts Project Construction" - Guest lecture for Columbia University Masters in Civil Engineering Construction Management course, January 2020.
- "2019 State of the Industry and Challenges of International Construction" - Guest lecture for Columbia University Masters in Civil Engineering Construction Management course, September 2019.
- "Failure by Design: Issues with Plan, Specifications and Submittals" - CE/CLE-accredited presentation, 2019
- "Ratifying Subcontractors and Handling Corresponding Payment Bond Claims - Practical Methods" - 2019 Midwest Surety and Construction Claims Conference
- "The Effect of Submittals and Implications for the Surety" - Surety Claims Institute Annual Meeting, June 2019
- "Fundamentals of an Effective Cost-to-Complete Analysis" - CE/CLE-accredited presentation, 2019.
- "Preparing a Relet Package" - CE/CLE-accredited presentation, 2019.
- "Contract Dispute Resolution for Federal Projects" - CE/CLE-accredited presentation, 2018.
- "Effective Use of Work Breakdown Structures to Better Identify Project Activities" - CMAA Live Webinar, February 2018.
- "Technical Claim Analysis: The Complex Payment Bond Claim" - CE/CLE-accredited webinar, 2018.
- "Handicapping Affirmative Claims" - CE / CLE-accredited presentation, 2018.
- "Main Considerations in Project Schedule Analysis" - CE / CLE-accredited presentation, 2017.