

CSI KNOXVILLE CHAPTER MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

CONSTRUCTION LAW: RISK ALLOCATION AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

PRESENTED BY PAUL WHITT, LEWIS THOMASON





CSI Knoxville Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, February 11th Time: 11:30 AM EST - 1:00 PM (EST) Construction Law: Risk Allocation and Insurance Requirements, Presented By Paul Whitt, Lewis Thomason 1 AIA LU/ HSW

In-Person Meeting Location: Associated General Contractors (AGC) Address: 3306 Ragsdale Ave NW, Knoxville, TN 37909

<u>SCHEDULE</u>

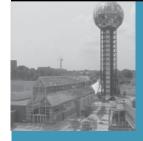
11:30 am - 12:00 pm Sign-In 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Presentation



\$20 Per CSI member (Pay at the door: Cash, credit cards, or checks are accepted) Guests are free on first visit, then \$20 each meeting.

RSVP: Lunch Provided Click here to make Reservation

The Knoxville Chapter meets on the second Tuesday of each month, U.N.O. in Calendar. Guests are Welcome! ORGANIZED SEPTEMBER 1958 - CHARTERED MAY 1959



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 04 <u>CSI Board Meeting</u> Tuesday, February 4th Meeting from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (EST)
- 11 <u>CSI Chapter Meeting</u> Tuesday, February 11th Time: 11:30 AM EST - 1:00 PM (EST) Construction Law: Risk Allocation and Insurance Requirements, Presented By Paul Whitt from Lewis Thomason, 1 AIA HSW/LU

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MARCH

- 04 <u>CSI Board Meeting</u> Tuesday, March 4th Meeting from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (EST)
- 11 <u>CSI Knoxville East TN Building Product Show:</u> Tuesday, March 11th, 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm, at Jackson Terminal

No CSI Chapter Lunch Meeting for March. Please join us for the CSI Knoxville East TN Building Product Show

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Building Code Panel Discussion 1AIA LU/HSW

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Products Show Free heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served

Location: Jackson Terminal 213 W. Jackson Ave, Knoxville TN 37902

Vendors: Click here for Exhibit Space Application

APRIL

- 01 <u>CSI Board Meeting</u> Tuesday, April 1st Meeting from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (EST) Join Zoom Meeting: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83014858499</u> Meeting ID: 830 1485 8499
- 08 <u>CSI Chapter Meeting</u> Tuesday, April 8th Time: 11:30 AM EST - 1:00 PM (EST) "Historic Preservation and Adaptive Reuse 101 -Best Practices" Presented by Hollie Cook, Knox Heritage, 1 AIA LU/ HSW

RSVP: Lunch Provided <u>Click to Make</u> <u>Reservation</u> Location: The Associated General Contractors of Tennessee <u>3306 Ragsdale Ave NW, Knoxville, TN 37909</u>

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

GREETINGS, CSI KNOXVILLIANS...



Navigating risk in construction? Don't miss our session on "Risk Allocation & Insurance Requirements" with Paul Whitt, a construction law expert from Lewis Thomason! Paul's experience representing engineers, architects, contractors and surveyers, makes him uniquely qualified to share his insights.

Tuesday, February 11th!

Earn 1 AIA/CES HSW credit. Lunch provided at 11:45, program starts at noon at the AGC Building (3306 Ragsdale Ave). RSVP today!

Upcoming CSI Events... the annual print reading class tentatively scheduled for 8/14/25 through 10/2/25 at the AGC building.

March 11: CSIK Product show and building code official panel at the Jackson terminal Registration at <u>https://www.csiknoxville.org/</u>

June 12-14: Save the date for the Gulf States Region conference in Chattanooga with several speakers:

William Sundquist on his leadership journey from Knoxville, Chattanooga, GSR and now national leadership.



Darson Buckner on salesmanship of CSI as a volunteer organization.

Kathy Proctor/Lauretta Cocke/Suzan Jordan on Fun CSI events (award ceremonies, Christmas party, 4th of July and others).

Jack Potter on Bill Highway and other treasurer duties.

Karina Kane on making CSI relevant to young Emerging Professionals.

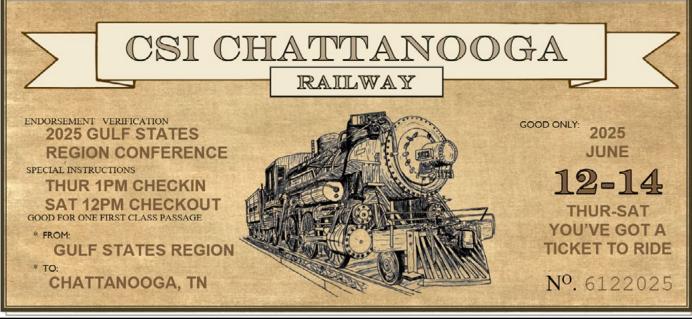
Mark Dorsey on CSI national.

Gary Bergeron on Renovating Historic Buildings: Everyone say, "RAR!" (Reuse, Adapt, Recycle)

October 16-17: CSI National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio

October 23: CSIK golf tournament @ Three Ridges golf course

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East Tennessee Building Products Show

March 11, 2025

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Course Name: Construction Law – Best Practices and Risk Management

Course Date:	Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at Noon
Course Number:	CSIK-004
Provider Name:	CSI National
Provider Number:	S000
Continuing Education:	1.0 LU

ABOUT THIS COURSE

This continuing education course, presented by an experienced attorney, is designed for architects, contractors, engineers and others in the design and construction industry. Titled "Construction Law - Best Practices and Risk Management", the session will provide crucial insights into managing legal risks throughout the construction process. Topics covered will include liability insurance, professional and general liability, builder's risk insurance, workers compensation and errors and omissions insurance. Participants will gain a clear understanding of how to address claims, property damage, and professional negligence to safeguard their businesses. Through practical guidance and real-world examples, attendees will learn strategies to minimize risk and avoid costly legal disputes. The course will also feature a Q&A segment, allowing participants to engage directly with the presenter and seek advice tailored to their specific concerns and experiences.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- 1. **Understand Key Insurance Types in Construction Law**: Identify and differentiate between various types of insurance relevant to the construction industry, including professional and general liability, builder's risk insurance, workers' compensation, errors and omissions insurance, and how each helps manage legal risks.
- 2. Analyze Risk Management Strategies: Learn effective strategies for minimizing legal risks, preventing claims, and reducing exposure to liability through proactive measures such as proper contract management, insurance coverage, and compliance with regulations.
- 3. Address Claims and Professional Negligence: Gain the skills to identify and respond to claims related to property damage, professional negligence, and other disputes, and understand the legal procedures for resolving such issues in the design and construction process.
- 4. **Implement Best Practices for Health, Safety, and Welfare**: Develop a comprehensive understanding of how construction law intersects with health, safety, and welfare concerns, and learn how to apply risk management practices that protect workers, clients, and the public in construction projects.

BIOGRAPHY

Paul Whitt

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Paul Whitt, a shareholder in the firm's Knoxville office. practices in the areas of construction law and litigation, including professional liability defense of design professionals, such as engineers, architects and surveyors, and representation of contractors, subcontractors and owners in construction defect related disputes. He also regularly handles matters related to the defense of accountants and accounting firms in professional liability matters. Mr. Whitt also has significant experience representing insurance carriers in first party actions brought by insureds related to coverage matters, claims of bad faith, insurance fraud and other extra-contractual matters, as well as significant experience in general civil litigation.

AFFILIATIONS

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Professional Liability

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CSI LEARNING

What I Learned from CSI... Filter Out the Fuss: Choosing the Right HVAC Air Filter

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Many of us in the design and construction industry are aware of the importance of HVAC system air filters. But how many of us know what type of filter to select and how often they should be changed?

My brother, Wesley, recently called me about his HVAC system because his low air flow light was on. After consulting his owner manual, he discovered the light indicated a dirty air filter. Wesley had neglected to



1" THICK MERV 8 AIR FILTER



BLUE SPUN FIBERGLASS AIR FILTER

change his air filter after doing some renovation work in his house which included mudding in sheetrock which was sanded and finished. Wes mentioned that the air filter looked clean and wondered if he should change it. Since Wes had a spare air filter, I suggested he replace it and observe if the light went off. It took about 5 minutes for the low air flow light to go off. When he looked closer at the air filter, he realized that there was a significant amount of sheetrock dust deep in the pleats of the air filter.

In my own house, I neglected to consider the additional particles in the air during the Christmas holidays with having four additional people in the house. The Christmas tree decorations, holiday presents, and pets who were "loved on" more frequently with my 13-yearold grand-daughter in the house for almost a week contributed to a higher than normal dust load on the HVAC air filter. The air filter required changing after only one month of use as opposed to our normal filter change interval which is every three months.

Since the Covid 19 pandemic and the increased concerns about indoor air quality, many people have installed more effective Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV) filters for their home. The higher the number, the more effective the filter is at trapping particles, but there is an "optimum MERV number" for every HVAC system. Most residential HVAC systems can use a MERV rated filter between 5 and 8. If the MERV rating is much higher, the fan is NOT equipped to overcome the



3" THICK HEPA AIR FILTER

air resistance of the higher rated filter. It is analogous to using a straw for a thick ice cream shake (MERV 20) versus a water filled cup (MERV 1). These MERV 8 pleated filters are priced at approximately \$18 each and do a much better job than the traditional single layer 1" thick blue spun fiberglass mesh filters. High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filters are very effective but are usually utilized in dedicated room air filter units with fans capable of drawing air through the high air pressure drop filter. HEPA filters are also often used in hospital grade air handling units and are very expensive compared to the normal MERV 8 residential air filters. Don't be fooled by a HEPA "type" filter versus a true HEPA filter which meets American Society of Heating Refrigeration and Air conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) standards. If you want to discuss this and finer points of the building, design, and construction process, please attend the next local or regional CSI meeting. Contact the author at gary@Kelso-Regen.com or phone 865-588-5348 for more information.

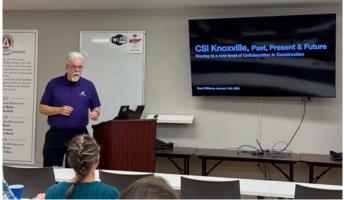


HINDSIGHT

Photos from CSI Christmas Party on December 11th

















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CSI MEMBER NEWS

Welcome new Member, Joshua Hankins

Joshua Hankins, CSI, RRO Enclosure Design Consultant joshua@ smartroofsolutions.com



Welcome to one of our newest members, Joshua Hankins. Joshua serves as a manufacturer's representative through Smart Roof Solutions, which is an independent rep firm primarily for GAF and Siplast roofing materials. He specifically supports the design community and specifiers to assist them with plans and specifications. "I regularly do plan and specification reviews (roofing specific) and assist to help obtain the higher quality finished product that is closer to what the specifier originally intended. I'm not a typical sales rep in that I don't quote jobs, I don't work with pricing, and I don't work with contractors. Again, my only job is to support the specifiers".

Joshua became an IIBEC member in 2006 and obtained his ROI (Registered Roofing Observer) in 2009. For the past five years he has been a juror for the annual IIBEC project of the year awards and has served on several international IIBEC committees including Emerging Professionals and Bylaws, and multiple tasks teams.

Joshua had been a roof consultant with Roof Design and Consulting Services here in Knoxville. "I jumped the fence to the dark side and I've been a manufacturer's representative since May 2024. I'm specifically responsible for assisting the design community and owners as an enclosure consultant".

Joshua's grew up immersed in design and construction, as his father, Sid Hankins, has practiced architecture in Knoxville for over 50 years. He said, "many family vacations were long weekends when my father would do site inspections, and I would tag along. I spent more hours than I can count after school in his office looking at blueprints and specifications." When asked why he joined CSI, he said, "I've long been aware of CSI, and at one point planned on obtaining my CDT, but never had the time or opportunity. Katherine Fuller Richardson invited me to attend the last meeting as her guest. I enjoyed the last presentation and look forward to being involved."

Joshua has lived in Knoxville all his life and appears to be a fan of both the UT basketball and football. For the past 20 years, he has served as the backup for the scorer's table (scoreboard operator, shot clock operator, game clock operator, and TV timeout coordinator) for UT men's basketball. He's also the spotter for the PA announcer (Jeff Jarnigan) at the UT football games. Currently he resides in the Fountain City area with his wife and 13-year-old daughter.

Please introduce yourself to Joshua at our next meeting. He has a lot to offer our design community!







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