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The New Decade of Construction Contracts: Technological and Climate Considerations for Owners, Designers, and Builders



In the next decade, the construction industry faces two intertwined risks: implementation of new technologies and the impacts of climate change. Those overlapping risks will present both practical and legal issues for design professionals, developers, builders, legislators, and the public at large. Although the average participant in the construction industry may not think twice about the emergence or adoption of new technologies, or the effect of climate change on the completed project, those issues present nuanced legal implications. Construction projects and their contracts must adapt. While companies seek to implement new technologies, provide sustainable products, optimize project systems, and maximize productivity, those companies should also be aware of the risks they might face. Such considerations are especially important where the human environment and legal landscape are continuously changing.

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