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Betsy Gordon concentrates her practice in the areas of construction/surety law and commercial litigation. She has experience representing owners, contractors, subcontractors, and design professionals in all aspects of construction from contract negotiation and drafting, claim drafting and counseling during construction, and claims resolution in state and federal courts and before arbitration panels. Betsy has handled these issues involving private owners and state and federal agencies. She has handled state and public lien law claims and federal Miller Act claims. Other practice areas include commercial litigation, products liability, and mass tort litigation.

Betsy regularly lectures on construction law topics, including Louisiana lien law, general Louisiana and Federal construction law, construction defect insurance law and surety law. Betsy is a member of the Board of the Surety Claims Institute.

Honors & Recognitions

Martindale Hubbell Distinguished

Best Lawyers

Louisiana Super Lawyers

Lorman Education Services Distinguished Faculty

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Louisiana State Bar Association

Practice Areas

Construction

Land Use and Zoning

Surety

Products Liability

Complex Litigation

Commercial Litigation

Admissions

Louisiana State courts

United States District Courts
for the Eastern, Western and
Middle Districts of Louisiana

United States Court of Appeals
for the Fifth Circuit

Education

J.D., Loyola University of New
Orleans College of Law

B.S., Tulane University, A.B.
Freeman School of Business

- Federal Bar Association
- Surety Claims Institute: Board member
- National Bond Claims Association
- Surety Association of Louisiana
- Louisiana Associated General Contractors
- Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel
- National Association of Women in Construction: former president and Board member, New Orleans chapter

News

Irwin Fritchie Celebrates 33 Attorneys Recognized in 2024 Edition of *Best Lawyers in America*

Irwin Fritchie is proud to announce that 33 attorneys have been recognized in the 2024 Edition of *Best Lawyers®* in both the New Orleans and Baton Rouge offices.

NEWS, 8.21.2023

Sonny Shields & Betsy Gordon to Speak at the CFMA Louisiana Construction Conference in New Orleans in August

Planning to attend the CFMA Louisiana Construction Conference in New Orleans next week? Be sure to join Irwin Fritchie's own Lloyd "Sonny" Shields and Elizabeth "Betsy" Gordon for their discussion...

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT, 7.24.2023

WEBINAR - Miller Act Claims: Compliance With the Bond, Prosecution, and Defense Strategies for General Contractors and Subs

This CLE webinar will discuss strategies for litigating federal and state-level Miller Act claims. The panel will offer guidance based on the decision in the K-Con case and the Christian doctrine, best practices in pursuing and defending against violations, and preemptive measures builders, subcontractors, and suppliers can employ to prevent exposure and mitigate potential losses.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT, 4.25.2023

Irwin Fritchie Announces Launch of Updated Firm Branding, Including Modernized Website Redesign

Irwin Fritchie Urquhart Moore & Daniels LLC, is excited to announce the launch of updated firm branding, including an updated logo and color scheme, and a more modernized and user-friendly website.

NEWS, 11.30.2022

Irwin Fritchie's Commitment to Combating Racial Injustice

NEWS, 6.10.2020

Irwin Fritchie listed as one of the best firms for minority attorneys by Law 360

NEWS, 6.19.2018

Irwin Fritchie recognized by Best Lawyers as a "Best Law Firm" in 9 practice areas.

[NEWS, 11.1.2016](#)

Irwin Fritchie named one of Best Places to Work by CityBusiness

[NEWS, 9.16.2016](#)

Irwin Fritchie receives A rating in Above the Law Gender Diversity Index

[NEWS, 5.25.2016](#)

Publications

Dealing with the Regulators and the Unfair Claim Settlement Practice Acts, State and Federal

[PUBLICATION, 8.25.2022](#)

Construction Contracts from Start to Finish

[PUBLICATION, 8.25.2022](#)

Construction Defect Litigation: From A to Z

[PUBLICATION, 8.25.2022](#)

Civil Trial: Everything you need to Know

[PUBLICATION, 8.25.2022](#)

Bad Plans and Specifications: A Contractor's Perspective

[PUBLICATION, 8.25.2022](#)

Contractor's Dilemma of Dealing with Bad Plans and Specs

[PUBLICATION, 8.25.2022](#)

Obtaining Surety Bonds for Construction Projects

[PUBLICATION, 8.25.2022](#)

Troubleshooting Construction Project Legal Issues

[PUBLICATION, 8.25.2022](#)

Construction Law: Advanced Issues and Answers

[PUBLICATION, 8.25.2022](#)

Construction Law in Louisiana

[PUBLICATION, 8.25.2022](#)

Managing Construction Projects in Louisiana

[PUBLICATION, 8.25.2022](#)

Construction Lien Law in Louisiana

[PUBLICATION, 8.25.2022](#)

Fundamentals of Construction Contracts in Louisiana: Understanding the Issues

[PUBLICATION, 8.25.2022](#)

Construction Defects Liability in Louisiana

[PUBLICATION, 8.25.2022](#)

Top Property Insurance Bad Faith Claims

[PUBLICATION, 8.25.2022](#)

What to Do When Construction Projects Go Bad

[PUBLICATION, 8.25.2022](#)

Managing Complex Construction Law Issues

[PUBLICATION, 8.25.2022](#)

Resolving Problems and Disputes on Construction Projects

[PUBLICATION, 8.25.2022](#)

Proving Damages Caused by Mold

[PUBLICATION, 8.25.2022](#)

The Mold Challenge in LA

[PUBLICATION, 8.25.2022](#)