

# Offer to Collaborate with CICA, on behalf of the American Bar Association Forum on Construction Law

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## Three Ways to Collaborate with Us

1. General Description of the ABA Forum on Construction Law
2. Our “*Bridging the Americas*” Series – engaging the Spanish and Portuguese speaking Americas in construction issues
3. Insights and recommendations arising from COVID-19

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## ABA Forum on Construction Law

- For Lawyers (in-house and external) and consultants  
[https://www.americanbar.org/groups/construction\\_industry/](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/construction_industry/)
- *Represents all segments of the construction industry: owners, design professionals, general contractors, construction managers, subcontractors, suppliers, insurers and sureties*
- *Mission to serve the construction industry through education and leadership while Building the Best Construction Lawyers*
- Upcoming activities
- **Priorities for Progress: The Challenges of Legal Practice Within and Among the Hispanic Community (April 15)** Join Forum Member, John Vento, as he welcomes guests, Attorneys Trish Candamo and Clara Rodriguez Rokusek, both members of the Tampa Bay Hispanic Bar Association, to have a conversation about representing Latino clients, including the disparate treatment facing women attorneys and Latinos, and the cultural differences in play when representing Spanish-speaking clients.
- **Diversity + Inclusion Brunch Series**
- **How to Effectively Implement or Defend Against a Delay Claim: Scheduling for Construction Attorneys, Part II**

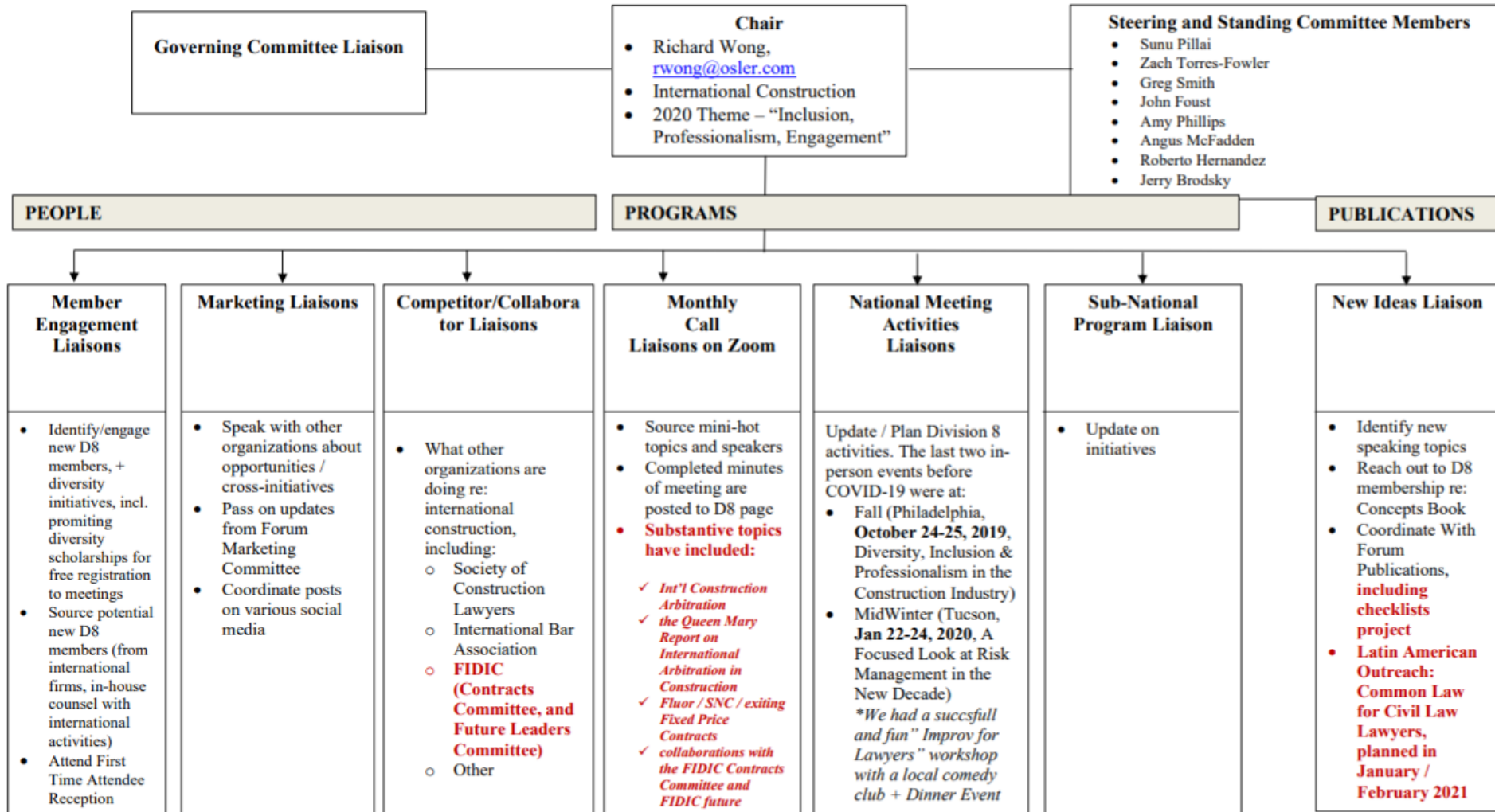
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## Fourteen Divisions, Depending on Interest

- Division 1: Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Division 2: Contract Documents
- Division 3: Design
- Division 4: Project Delivery Methods
- Division 5: General Contractors
- Division 6: Labor & Employment
- Division 7: Insurance, Surety & Liens
- Division 8: International Construction
- Division 9: Subcontractors & Suppliers
- Division 10: Energy & Environment
- Division 11: In-House Counsel
- Division 12: Owners & Project Finance
- Division 13: Government Construction
- Division: Young Lawyers

# INTERNATIONAL CONSTRUCTION ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

## Division 8 Forum Engagement



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## Bridging the Americas Series

- 4 Episodes in total, panel discussion format, issue-focused, free
- Goal to attract new members to the Forum
- Episode 1: Standard of Care  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FqzddcWVDvM&t=12s>
  - Jerry Brodsky | Partner, Director of Peckar & Abramson's Latin American Practice
  - Nicolas Saenz | Thornton Tomasetti, Director of Latin America
  - Roberto Hernandez-Garcia | Partner, COMAD S.C. Mexico City
  - Robyn Miller | Senior Vice President; General Counsel CallisonRTKL
  - Bill Quatman | General Counsel & SVP Burns & McDonnell
- Episode 2: Damages  
<https://youtu.be/5SMjFMg9IYc>
- Episode 3: Potential Unenforceability Issues in Contract Provision (early June)
- Come and Watch, or apply to be a panelist

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## COVID-19 Lessons Learned

- Fourteen separate webinars on COVID-19 and the Construction Industry
- [https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/events/construction\\_industry/2020/covid-roundtable-webinar-2020-resources\\_10\\_14\\_2020.pdf](https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/events/construction_industry/2020/covid-roundtable-webinar-2020-resources_10_14_2020.pdf)
- Summary and recording available.
- **Topics include best practices, supply chain issues, construction workforce, business interruption and other insurance questions, force majeure, dispute resolution in a virtual world, A/E firms, sureties, cross-border design & construction.**



- Chair of Osler's Band 1 National Construction and Infrastructure Practice Group, Ranked by Chambers
- Chair of International Construction Division of American Bar Association Forum of Construction Law
- J.D. (1995) from the University of Toronto
- Examiner for Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO)
- Major capital projects in the ICI construction industry, including civil projects, infrastructure, energy, natural resources, mining, and other industries
- Advises procurement, commercial, technical, and legal groups in project structuring, contract document drafting, and early resolution of potential disputes
- Frequently advises on prompt payment and construction issues and contract revision