

MITIGATING ENVIRONMENTAL PITFALLS IN CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT

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About this Webinar:

This webinar will discuss possible environmental issues affecting construction and development from the point of view of owners, developers and general contractors, and offer best practices on how to avoid and/or mitigate potential liabilities resulting therefrom.

Presenters:

WILLY ACCAME manages risk throughout Panattoni Development Company's global operations, advises the company's Investment Committees, and serves as the chair of the firm's Sustainability Committee. He advises on the acquisition and development of properties with environmental challenges throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe. Willy is responsible for negotiating and structuring insurance for the company, overseeing claims litigation, managing contractual risk, and advising the company on environmental matters. Willy has performed/directed thousands of environmental assessments for acquisitions throughout North America and Europe. He routinely identifies environmental risks, quantifies liabilities, and negotiates strategies to successfully complete acquisitions. Willy is actively involved in redeveloping Brownfield properties and over the last 13 years, has managed the environmental aspects of over 80 redevelopment projects responsible for over 25 million square feet of industrial buildings valued at over \$2.5 billion. Willy provided litigation support on numerous matters including defending against U.S. EPA on a \$150M contribution claim and a manufacturing facility with chlorinated solvent contamination where he assisted in the preparation of expert witnesses in defense of a \$86M class-action lawsuit, provided deposition, and assisted with the development of a successful defense strategy resulting in a favorable settlement. Prior to joining Panattoni, Willy spent 15 years as Vice President and General Manager at WSP, a global environmental consulting firm, and 10 years as Division Manager at Greenhorne & O'Mara where in 1985 he co-founded the firm's environmental consulting practice. Willy holds advanced degrees in Geochemistry and Remote Sensing and speaks widely on environmental risk and Brownfield redevelopment.

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