

## **Judgment in Complex Construction Dispute Reversed Two Different Ways**

Des Moines, IA (December 2014) – Amid complex litigation concerning the construction of two new public schools in Ankeny, Iowa, the Firm represented a supplier of construction materials that was in litigation with a masonry contractor. The district court, following a bench trial, awarded the masonry contractor over \$2 million in direct and consequential damages on its claim that the Firm's client supplied defective concrete blocks. The district court further denied the supplier's claim against the contractor for nonpayment for the materials. Mark Weinhardt and Danielle Shelton represented the supplier in an appeal of those rulings before the Iowa Court of Appeals and obtained reversals in their client's favor on the nonpayment claim and on a substantial portion of the damages claim. While an application for further review to the Iowa Supreme Court was pending, the parties settled the remainder of the dispute.

The Court of Appeals opinion is *Trustees of Iowa Laborers District Council Health and Welfare Trust, et al. v. Ankeny Community School District, et al.*, 860 N.W.2d 923 (Iowa Ct. App. 2014), and is available here:

[http://www.iowacourts.gov/About\\_the\\_Courts/Court\\_of\\_Appeals/Court\\_of\\_Appeals\\_Opinions/Recent\\_Opinions/20141224/13-1560.pdf](http://www.iowacourts.gov/About_the_Courts/Court_of_Appeals/Court_of_Appeals_Opinions/Recent_Opinions/20141224/13-1560.pdf).

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