

CONSTRUCTION BLOG

So You Love Your Construction Lawyer?

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Yes I know that all the surveys rate lawyers only slightly higher than dog catchers but that is referring to the other guy's lawyer, not your own. You have a great lawyer and good friend who understands your business and your challenges and today you just got sued and you want your lawyer friend to represent you. You call your insurance agent/broker and he/she tells you that your great lawyer isn't on the insurer's panel of counsel and your case is going to the law firm that sued you last year! Is there a solution?

Yes. Call your insurance agent/broker and tell them you want a "choice of counsel" provision added to your current/renewal policy. It is a specific endorsement, usually called simply "Choice of Counsel." This endorsement may or may not require extra premium. If there is extra premium think of the cost to you of your time to educate that panel counsel who does not know you or your industry when you don't have choice of counsel.