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American Bar Association (Sections on Litigation; Construction Litigation; Tort & Insurance Practice; Excess, Surplus Lines and Reinsurance; Insurance Coverage Litigation, and the Forum on the Construction Industry); Federal Bar Association (Board of Directors, Chicago Chapter, 1998/99); Illinois State Bar Association (Sections on Insurance Law and Tort Law); Society of Illinois Construction Attorneys; Design Build Institute of America; American Society of Civil Engineers, Chicago Bar Association; Defense Research Institute; and the Appellate Lawyers Association.

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