

# FARRIS LAW FIRM, LLC

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## *DENISE FARRIS "CONSTRUCTION BEST OF THE BAR"*



For the second year in a row, Denise Farris of the Farris Law Firm LLC was recognized by the Kansas City Business Journal in its "Best of the Bar" issue, Construction Law. (October 1, 2010). The "Best of the Bar" recognizes outstanding lawyers in their respective practice areas, as nominated by their

peers.

Following a 30% increase in 2010 nominations, which created a significantly larger nomination pool, Farris was selected as one of only five attorneys in Construction Law, and the only solo practitioner within the group.

"It's an absolute honor, to be recognized in this fashion and with this particular group of attorneys", Farris said. "I view my fellow awardees with the utmost respect and am honored to have worked with all of them. This award is especially hard to receive for "small firm attorneys", who are easily

overlooked in the nomination process. It's a valued recognition as it confirms you can be an effective small firm attorney, at affordable prices, while maintaining professional relationships with your peers—and opponents!!" says Farris.

This year the Firm and Ms. Farris were also recognized by Martindale-Hubbell's "AV" rating for the eight year in a row, "AV" representing the highest rank for expertise and ethics within a particular field. The consistent AV ratings also led to Farris being named among Martindale's national list of "Best Female Attorneys".

◆ "I'm extremely honored", says Farris. "The Best of the Bar" recognition confirms that you can be an effective small firm attorney at affordable prices and still maintain good relationships with your peers—and opponents!!"



## *FORUM BREAKFAST SERIES*

### **WHAT:**

Breakfast Seminar

**DATE:** January 11, 2010

**TIME:** 7:30 am—11:30am

### **PLACE:**

Golden Ox

1600 Genessee

Kansas City, MO

### **TOPIC:**

"Insurance Indemnification & Additional Insureds"

By OPPORTUNE RISK® and

"Project Management Software by MySmartPlans"

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The Farris Law Firm LLC welcomes speakers Terry J. Galganski, J.D., and President of OPPORTUNE RISK® BRIDGING, LLC and Shelley Armato of My Smart Plans at the firm's January 11th kick-off breakfast seminar. Galganski, a nationally known author and legal scholar on construction risk management for Fortune 100 and 500 corporations, will address Missouri and Kansas statutes on: "Fraternal Risk Transfer Twins: Indemnitees and Additional-Insured Status". Galganski currently serves on the national Governing Committee of the American Bar Association's Forum on the Construction Industry. He is a nationally recognized speaker and author on construction risk management.

Galganski will be joined by Shelley Armato, President of MySmartPlans, regarding the use of project management software in maximizing risk management on both simple and complex construction projects.

Come join us for a full hot breakfast and nationally known speakers. Reservations required for food count!

Space is Limited — **RESERVE EARLY!**

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Farris receiving NAWBO Policy Advocacy Award

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**KCMO's SMALL BUSINESS PROCUREMENT PROGRAM**

For further information on the City of Kansas City's 2010 "Small Business Procurement Program", contact dfarris@farrislawfirm.com.

**CHECK OUT OUR WEB PAGE! NOW!**

Many of the Firm's clients and contacts are surprised to discover the amount of free information on our web site. Over the years, we republish the many articles written by firm owner, Denise Farris. While not intended to substitute for issue specific legal advice, the articles still provide business owners and their employees with quick and easy to read summaries of relevant legal topics. The topics range from identification of federal and local certification projects to diagnosing your correct busi-

ness formation factors, prompt payment acts, retainage statutes, key legal decisions, and project documentation.

The firm is always interested in knowing what its clients and contacts wish to know. If you have an article request, email it to:

dfarris@farrislawfirm.com.

For a complete listing of available articles, refer to Page 3 of this issue!



Farris and KCMO Workforce Ordinance Task Force



Kan. Rep. Annie Tietze and Denise

**Client & Contact Kudos!**

**Kansas City Chiefs:** For the completion of the three year Stadium Renovation Project! This Public/Private project was recognized for its successful and unusually high percent of MBE/WBE company participation. Compliments to all of the participants who made it happen including Turner Construction Company, the Konrath Group, the Chiefs, and the

Jackson County Sports Authority. A special nod to Gail Holliday for her work on M/W/DBE utilization for the project.

**KC Council of Women Business Owners:** Happy 10th Anniversary!

**New Horizons LLC:** Congrats on the opening of its new Omaha, NE office; receipt of

"25 Under 25" Award and "Smart Companies 2010" awards.

**Kelly Scanlon, Thinking Bigger Business Media:** Named national President of the National Association Women Business Owners (NAWBO)!

**City of Kansas City, MO:** For implementing 2010 Small Business Procurement Program.

**Lawyer Humor: True Stories . . .**

**Attorney:** Doctor, before you performed the autopsy did you check for a pulse?

**Witness:** No.

**Attorney:** For blood pressure and breathing?

**Witness:** No.

**Attorney:** So then its possible the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

**Witness:** No.

**Attorney:** How can you be sure?

**Witness:** Because his brain was sitting in a jar on my desk.

**Attorney:** But couldn't the patient have been alive nonetheless?

**Witness:** (Thinking..) I suppose, if he were a lawyer!



HUMOR JUST MAKES THE DAY GO BETTER!

***Articles at: [www.farrislawfirm.com](http://www.farrislawfirm.com)***

**GENERAL BUSINESS MAIN PAGE**

SBA Delivers "Lump of Coal" to Women Owned Businesses  
Minority & Women Business Enterprise Certification: Or Show Me the Money!  
Policy Rocks! Kansas Executive Order 08-08 Minority/Women Business  
Public Policy at Work!  
Kansas Unveils Details on New M/WBE Program

**GENERAL BUSINESS ARCHIVES**

SBA Reauthorization Act Addresses Shortfalls in Women Owned Business  
Procurement  
An Affirmative Action Prognosis  
Is Certification Worth the Hassle?  
Business Formation Factors - Summary Chart  
Missouri Affirmative Action Programs Under Attack  
ABC's of MBE/WBE Certification  
Stronger Contracts  
Diagnosing Your Business Formation Requirements  
Socio-Economic Issues in Government Contracting: The A B C's of Affirmative  
Action Compliance

**CONSTRUCTION ARTICLES \_ MAIN PAGE**

Mechanics Lien Summary - Missouri  
Mechanics Lien Summary - Kansas  
IDIQ Contracts

**CONSTRUCTION ARTICLES – ARCHIVES**

Missouri Materialmen's Lien Valid Even Where Materials Removed  
Developing Issues in Lead Based Paint Abatement  
Missouri Retainage Law: Show Me the Money or Holding The Money?  
Legal Landmines in Tenant Improvement Liens  
Socio-Economic Issues in Government Contracting: The A B C's of Affirmative  
Action Compliance

**UPCOMING  
BREAKFAST SEMINARS**

**When:** Bi-Monthly Breakfast Seminars 2nd Tuesday every other month  
**Where:** Golden Ox Restaurant 1600 Genessee Kansas City, MO  
**Time:** 7:30 am

**March 8, 2011:** What's Happenin' on MoKan's Prompt Payment Acts?  
**May 10, 2011:** If I Die Before I Wake ...Contingency Plans for the Small  
Business Owner

To get on event Constant Contact mailing list, contact: [nwilson@farrislawfirm.com](mailto:nwilson@farrislawfirm.com)



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