

Solar Energy Warranties

Solar energy systems and warranties are governed primarily by state law but are also subject to federal laws including the federal Magnusson-Moss Warranty Act. These laws impose specific requirements for the sale and installation of solar energy systems and may mandate the provision of a warranty or the terms of the warranty, including without limitation establishing a minimum warranty term and setting forth the particular components which must be guaranteed by the warranty. These laws establish minimum requirements to which the purchasers of solar energy systems are entitled, regardless of the terms of the contract and warranty offered by the installer.

Arbitration Proceedings

Arbitration is commonly called for in design contracts today. Often, the underlying issues are complex and require the same technically based representation, as if the issue were tried in court. The firm's understanding of the rules and processes of arbitration, through Mr. Caravella's service as an arbitrator to the American Arbitration Association, allows our clients to have peace of mind throughout the process.

Litigation

Design and Construction projects today are complex operations. The methods used, the technology required, and the number of participants involved results in a complicated web of obligations and liabilities. During the course of a dispute, it may be necessary for the design professional to file a lien to protect their right to be compensated for work completed and to later enforce the lien. When claims arise in this environment, they likewise make for complex matters of litigation. These types of cases call for a design and construction attorney who not only is aware of the latest trends in the fields of design and construction law, but who also understands the materials and methods of construction involved. These types of actions are not limited to large-scale commercial projects alone. They may be present in cases relating to single-family residences as well. The firm remains available to represent clients involved in not only commercial disputes, but also residential claims.

Solar Disputes

Many solar energy contractors and subcontractors work hard to provide workmanship of the highest quality. Unfortunately, solar energy system owners may inadvertently hire one of the few "bad apples" and find themselves with a defective solar energy system and on the hook for substantial financing payments. This law firm has a strong history of providing for the legal needs of solar energy system owners of both residential and commercial properties across New York and Florida.

Some of the common issues we represent with respect to solar disputes are:

- Roof and property damage claims
- Non-permitted and/or code-non-compliant work
- Under-performing systems
- Abandonment during installation/non-responsive contractors
- Contractor Fraudulent Representations

- Incomplete and/or non-functioning systems
- Yes, even lending and debt collection issues with respect to systems that have been financed.