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### AREAS OF PRACTICE

New York Construction & Labor Law  
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### ADMISSIONS

New York  
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U.S. District Court Eastern District  
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### EDUCATION

City University of New York School  
of Law (J.D., 2006)

Long Island University (B.A., cum  
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### HONORS & AWARDS

New York Metro Super Lawyer  
Rising Star, 2015-2017

### ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

New York State Bar Association

### YEAR JOINED

2024

### OVERVIEW

Keith is a shareholder in the Casualty Department and Co-Chair of the [New York Labor Construction & Labor Law](#) practice group. As an insurance defense litigator, he devotes his practice to premises liability, automobile liability and New York State Labor Law matters. He also has experience defending property damage and construction defect claims.

Keith also has experience assisting small businesses with proactive claim solutions.

He graduated from Long Island University in 2003 with honors and earned his juris doctor from CUNY Law School in 2006 where he was a member of law review.

Outside of the office he enjoys spending his time with his wife and two children, watching the Mets and running.

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

### **New York's AVOID Act Imposes Strict Deadlines on Third-Party Actions Starting April 2026**

**New York  
Roseland  
New York Construction & Labor Law  
Architectural, Engineering & Construction Defect Litigation  
January 1, 2026**

On December 19, 2025, Governor Kathy Hochul signed the Avoiding Vexatious Overuse of Impleading to Delay (AVOID) Act (L. 2025, ch.

### **First Department Rejects De Minimis Defense, Grants Summary Judgment for Worker's Fall Under Labor Law 240(1)**

**New York  
New York Construction & Labor Law  
October 1, 2025**

The First Department has held that a fall from a height of 10 ½ to 20 inches is not a bar to summary judgment because the height differential is not, as a matter of law, de minimus.

### **Court Affirms Labor Law § 240(1) Liability Despite Lack of Witnesses and Plaintiff's Potential Comparative Negligence**

**New York  
New York Construction & Labor Law  
July 1, 2025**

The plaintiff was injured when he fell off a scaffold. However, there were no witnesses who saw him fall. Other workers heard a sound and then found the plaintiff on the ground next to the collapsed scaffold. Case Law Alerts, 3rd Quarter, July 2025 is prepared by Marshall Dennehey to provide information on recent developments of interest to our readers.

### **All Bark and All Bite**

**New York  
Premises & Retail Liability  
June 1, 2025**

Key Points: Defense Digest, Vol. 31, No.

### **First Department Clarifies 'Readily Available' Safety Devices Under Labor Law § 240(1)**

**New York  
New York Construction & Labor Law  
April 1, 2025**

In January 2025, the Appellate Division, First Department, provided further clarity on Labor Law § 240(1) cases, particularly regarding the availability of safety devices on construction sites. Case Law Alerts, 2nd Quarter, April 2025

### **CLASSES / SEMINARS TAUGHT**

*New York State Labor Law Primer*, Marshall Dennehey Client Presentation, July 29, 2025

## RESULTS

### **New York Labor Law case dismissed.**

**New York Construction & Labor Law  
July 25, 2019**

We obtained summary judgment in New York County in a case where the plaintiff, a construction laborer, was struck by a rolling dumpster and sustained severe crush injuries to his left foot and leg. The plaintiff, the dumpster company and the subcontractors alleged our general contractor client was responsible for overall site safety. After obtaining billing and work records for the project, the client confirmed that it did not have any involvement in the project, and we moved for summary judgment.