

Construction Law Musings- 2010 Year in Review



Wow, here we are at the end of 2010 and another eventful year in my life, both at Musings and otherwise.

First, I want to thank all of you who contributed to the <u>Guest Post Friday</u> brigade (if you haven't browsed these posts, I highly recommend them. I learn something new every Friday). Without you all, <u>Construction Law Musings</u> would not be half as interesting as it is. Your perspectives on everything from marketing, to green building, to

general construction topics have added spice to this corner of the web.

As to the year at Musings, among other great web-based interactions, I have learned to collaborate using Dropbox and Google Wave, leading to cross guest posts on two occasions with Martha Sperry (@advocatesstudio) of the Advocates Studio. This is just one example of the various collaborations and other opportunities that my decision to publish this little construction law blog a little over 2 years ago has given me. I truly appreciate all of the comments, insight and support that all of you, my readers, have given over the past year.

My presence in the web 2.0 world (as well as the face to face encounters with many of you) garnered me some attention leading to publication in various forums, from Virginia Lawyers Weekly's "Green" Issue to @law magazine to authorship of the Construction Law 2010 Annual Survey of Virginia Law for the University of Richmond Law Review. Thank you to all of you who contacted me with these publishing opportunities, I am flattered by the attention and truly appreciate the offers.

On the personal front, I've met or grown my friendships with many of you whom I met through Musings or Twitter: "green" pals (@sharishapiro, @chrischeatham, @timrhughes, and @douglasreiser to name a few), @scottwolfejr (my coconspirator/speaker at Green Legal Matters), @vickiepynchon (mediator extraordinaire and author of one of my favorite books on negotiation), @carolynelefant (great advice and support on solo practice), local folks @andrewmcroberts and @venturelawyer (Tom

Bowden) and all of my other friends and colleagues whom I truly appreciate, but who's names would make too long a list to fit into one post (check out my <u>links page</u> for the blogs and websites of many of them).

Of course, the big news this year was my July 1, 2010 jump into solo practice with the opening of The Law Office of Christopher G. Hill, PC. The last 6 months have been quite a ride. Thank you to all of you, from clients to colleagues, who have supported my new solo efforts. The support has been invaluable to me and I truly appreciate it. Most importantly, thank you to my wonderful family, I love you all and without you four (and two great dogs), this move would not have been possible.

In short (I know, too late), 2010 has been an eventful yet wonderful year here in my corner of the universe and I look forward to a great 2011. Have a happy New Year and I'll see you in 2011.

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