

# Do Architects and Engineers Owe a Legal Duty to Non-Contracting Parties?

A recent unpublished Michigan Court of Appeals opinion provides some guidance with respect to the architect's and engineer's common law duty when processing pay applications, according to [a post](#) on the website of Clark Hill.

**Jeffrey M. Gallant** and **Scott D. Garbo** explain that the court held that the owner of a construction project could not maintain a professional negligence claim against the architect for failing to adequately review payment applications.

"While you may only have a contract with one of many project participants, Michigan courts continue to elaborate on the potential obligations owed to all other participants, including architects, engineers, contractors, subcontractors, owners, and lenders," they write.

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