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Aug. 23, 2013

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Universal City, California

Sept. 20, 2013

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Marriot Marquis

265 Peachtree Center Ave.

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Oct. 31, 2013

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Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers

811 Seventh Ave.

New York, N.Y. 10019

Nov. 7–9, 2013

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Feb. 2014

### **Construction Law Program**

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