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Richard A. Sinapi, Esq. has co-drafted and successfully lobbied for the passage of numerous pieces of legislation as well as revised agency regulations on behalf of Governmental Affairs clients:

Relating to Property—Mechanics’ Liens (P.L. 2015, ch. 258, § 1; P.L. 2015, ch. 279, § 1) R.I.G.L. §34-28-4.1 (amended existing law to simplify process of notification of right to assert mechanics’ liens)

Relating to Public Property and Works (P.L. 2014, ch. 400, §1; P.L. 2014, ch. 357, §1) R.I.G.L. §§ 37-2-27.1 through 27.4 (amended existing law to make the procedure for selecting construction management at risk as a form of public works construction procurement more user-friendly to awarding authorities, while maintaining full transparency and accountability)

Relating to Businesses and Professions -- Contractors’ Registration Board (P.L. 2012, ch 293, §1) R.I.G.L. §5-65-10 (amended existing law to require Contractors’ Registration Board to suspend or revoke the registration of a contractor that owes outstanding wages or other sums pursuant to a Department of Labor and Training (“DLT”) determination).

Relating to State Affairs and Government -- Department of Labor and Training (P.L. 2012, ch 424, §1) R.I.G.L. §§42-16.1-2 and 44-1-2 (amended existing law to require that the DLT provide to the Department of Administration and that the Division of Taxation provide to the DLT any requested information necessary to promote and facilitate minimum wage enforcement and the detection, investigation and/or prosecution of misclassification violations).

Relating to Labor and Labor Relations - Payment of Wages Training (P.L. 2012, ch 306, §1) §§28-12-19, 28-14-19, 19.1-19.3; 28-50-4. (amended and added to existing law to modify administrative enforcement procedure and create private right of action for wage and hour violations, by substantially increasing penalties and available relief and established misclassification as a violation for which relief may be sought in either an administrative or civil action).

Relating to Public Records - Access to Public Records (P.L. 2012, ch 423, §1) §38-2-2 (amended existing law to restore longstanding interpretation that certified payrolls of private contractors completing public works projects are public records).

Omnibus Fair Contracting Standards Act (P.L. 2011, ch 396, §1 and ch. 332, §1) R.I.G.L. §37-13-13 (amended existing law to improve prevailing wage contract enforcement).

Relating To Labor and Labor Relations - Urine and Blood Tests (P.L. 2011, ch 221, §1 and ch. 324, §1)(amended existing law to exempt a union trade and their signatory contractors from the state’s post employment drug testing laws).

Competitive Sealed Bid (P.L. 2010, ch 221, §1) R.I.G.L. §37-2-18 (amended State Purchases Act to promote transparency in the award of competitively bid public works contracts).

Apprenticeship Ratio Regulations (Department of Labor and Training 2009)(Lobbied and provided drafting input to achieve the promulgation and approval of regulations by the DLT establishing apprenticeship job site ratios favorable to clients).

Rhode Island Home Inspector Licensing Law (P.L. 2000, ch. 140, §1) R.I.G.L. §5-65.1-1, *et seq.* (co-drafted act providing for the licensing of home inspectors).