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**Robert Dowd (Member, Litigation)** obtained a \$382,000 arbitration award on behalf of the owner of a warehouse located in the New Jersey Meadowlands. The award was based on the owner's claims that the general contractor defectively constructed the warehouse. The general contractor's counterclaims against the owner for extra work were dismissed as part of the arbitrator's award. The award was reduced by the \$60,000 that the owner admitted had been withheld and was otherwise due under the contract to the general contractor. Through the institution of separate litigation Mr. Dowd was also able to obtain a discharge of approximately \$275,000 in liens that had been filed by subcontractors against the property, a dismissal of a suit by one of the subcontractors to foreclose its lien on the property and a return of \$50,000 plus interest that the general contractor had been holding in its attorney's escrow account.