

# OUR MEMBERS

## Staudinger joins Wells legal team

Wells has added corporate counsel Melissa Staudinger to its growing legal team.

Supporting Wells' commitment to risk reduction, Staudinger will be instrumental in Wells contract negotiations and working closely with Wells' senior vice president and chief financial officer Ryan Stroschein, she will support dispute resolution and provide counsel for corporate legal matters.

Staudinger has a background in negotiation and commercial transactions, as well as construction industry experience. Before joining the Wells team, she worked as corporate counsel for Fabcon Cos., where she was responsible for managing commercial contracts and negotiations for more than 30 project managers across seven manufacturing facilities throughout the United States, as well as internal legal counsel and legal department management. In 2014, Staudinger received a JD degree from the Mitchell Hamline School of Law in St. Paul, Minn.

—Source: Wells



Melissa Staudinger

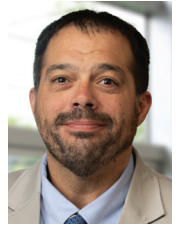
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—Source: Techno Press 3000

## Wells promotes Blahnik to Great Lakes vice president of precast operations

Wells has promoted Jeremy Blahnik to vice president of precast operations of its Great Lakes region.

Blahnik began his tenure with Spancrete (now Wells) in 1999, starting as a drafter. In 2008, he began managing the schedule for the Valders, Wis., facility, the company's largest manufacturing location. He was eventually promoted to help manage the wet-cast operations and most recently served as plant manager.



Jeremy Blahnik

In his new role, Blahnik will oversee Great Lakes facilities, including Valders and Crystal Lake, Ill., working with leadership across all divisions to create and recommend operational policies and programs related to the company's manufacturing services. His goal is to support the standardization of processes across Wells' manufacturing facilities, implement best practices for production, and ensure that production teams have the right resources and support to continue building inspirational landmarks.

This promotion precedes the forthcoming retirement of Wells' former vice president of precast operations, John Schnell, who after 37 years of service to the company recently transitioned to a part-time role, assisting with the leadership transition. Schnell started as a general laborer and has worked in every aspect of the company's precast concrete operations. He has been involved in thousands of precast concrete projects, from multistory residential housing and parking structures to industrial buildings, stadiums, hotels, and schools.

In addition, hollow-core product manager Matt Fischer has been promoted to plant manager in Valders. He will direct and coordinate manufacturing operations—ensuring team safety—and identify areas of improvement in production. Fischer first joined the company as a laborer in 2014.

—Source: Wells

## Fourth edition of prestressed concrete reference now out

The fourth edition of *Prestressed Concrete Analysis and Design: Fundamentals*, by Antoine E. Naaman and Shih-Ho Chao has been released. The classic reference was first published in 1982.

This updated edition integrates the provisions of the American Concrete Institute's *Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete (ACI 318-19) and Commentary (ACI 318R-19)* in text and examples and offers an extensive treatment of bridge analysis and design according to the 2020 American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' *AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications*. The book covers four targeted courses dealing with prestressed concrete fundamentals and applications, advanced precast concrete analysis and design, post-tensioned concrete structures (including continuous beams, one- and two-way slab systems and slabs on ground), and precast concrete bridges. This fourth edition also has a new chapter on post-tensioned slabs on ground.

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- Boise Crane in Boise, Ida.: S2
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