

# The Dotted Line: When Contractors Can Walk Off the Job

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Carlton Fields Washington, D.C. construction attorney Joseph McManus was quoted in a *Construction Dive* article titled, “The Dotted Line: When Contractors Can Walk Off the Job.” The piece offers examples of situations that could allow construction contractors to cease work on a project, according to their contracts.

Typically, the circumstances under which contractors are able to stop working are clearly outlined in the most popular forms of contracts, and include nonpayment, no evidence of ability to finance project, cardinal changes, and surprise finds.

Contractors should therefore take care when considering stopping work, and review their contract for their rights.

“Stopping work and ultimately terminating the contract is one of the most radical things you can do,” said McManus.

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