

With approximately 200 people, Wendel is a professional design firm that specializes in providing structural engineering, permitting, civil engineering and landscape architectural services to the Gaming & Hospitality Industry. Since 2003, we have been involved with over \$1.75 billion worth of projects across the United States. The majority of these projects have had a high-rise structure component, a particular expertise of our firm.

As structural engineers, we are usually first out of the gate and help to set the pace for the entire project. The faster a facility is completed, the sooner our clients begin to generate revenue. Once underway, we help lead, organize, focus, and drive projects so they stay on track. We take great pride in providing collaborative, budget-minded, and creative solutions within the context of fast-track and phased project delivery with extremely ambitious schedule constraints. Our value to each project has been our team's ability to keep pace with tight schedules, facilitate the work of others, balance efficiency and constructability, and lead by example – while providing the highest levels of service, responsiveness, collaboration, technical expertise, and quality of our design project.

Some of our recent projects include the \$30 million Saratoga Casino and Raceway Hotel Addition, \$120 million Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino for the Seneca Nation of Indians, the \$80 million Seneca Allegany Casino Hotel for the Seneca Nation of Indians, and the \$280 million Empire Resorts Racetrack and Casino.

Wendel's corporate headquarters are located in Buffalo, NY, with other regional offices in the NY Metro; Minneapolis, MN; Phoenix, AZ; Richmond, VA; and Washington, DC areas in order to better serve our clients.



## OVERVIEW

The key to any successful project is the experience and quality of the people who you work with. As a multidiscipline firm, Wendel seeks to integrate different types of expertise into the leadership of its projects. Wendel's professionals are working from locations all over the country, brought together as a virtual team.

## LEADERSHIP TEAM



**Mark D. Molnar, PE** has more than 28 years of practical experience in the planning, design and management of multi-disciplined facilities projects of all sizes. He has managed a variety of projects throughout the United States, concentrating on gaming/hospitality, transportation and industrial/commercial facilities. Mark has significant expertise in fast-track/design-build projects, and managing complex projects that involve the collaboration and coordination of large consultant teams.



**Orest P. Ciolko, PE** has over 30 years of experience in consulting and heavy construction. His project expertise ranges from Site Design, Water, Wastewater and Stormwater design for hospitality and gaming projects; to power plant mechanical systems for municipal and private clients. Orest brings innovative and appropriate solutions to project issues as a result of his experience as principal-in-charge, project manager and professional engineer.

## STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS



**James A. Boje, PE** has experience in the planning, design and construction of hospitality, gaming, commercial, transportation, education, healthcare and municipal projects. Jim brings over 30 years of experience in structural analysis, design, detailing, computer modeling, construction administration and project management for projects of all shapes and sizes. During his career, he has utilized a host of building materials including structural steel, reinforced concrete, masonry, cold formed steel and precast concrete.

**Jim is Wendel's Lead Contact for the Empire Resorts project and can be reached at (716) 688-0766 or [jboje@wendelcompanies.com](mailto:jboje@wendelcompanies.com).**



**Craig M. Alexander, SE, PE, LEED AP** has 17 years of experience working as a civil/structural engineer on a variety of hospitality, gaming and commercial projects. Craig is one of few who have been licensed in Structural Engineering (SE), a prestigious and difficult feat. He is responsible for design development, structural analysis and design, preparation of construction documents, specifications, and support throughout construction.

**William H. Merrill, III** has over 20 years of design experience bringing comprehensive knowledge gained from having worked on various phases of design development. His experience encompasses civil, structural, and architectural design, and he has coordinated drafting between engineering and architectural disciplines. Mr. Merrill's field experience includes survey of site topography and construction observation. Bill has specific expertise in 3-D modelling using REVIT.