



Ryan P. Sherman

Ryan is a partner in Porter Wright's Litigation Department and co-chairs the firm's Construction Practice Group.

He concentrates his practice on complex commercial disputes, with a particular focus on construction matters, oil and gas litigation (eminent domain/easement enforcement), intellectual property litigation, securities and shareholder disputes, and health care litigation.

Ryan has successfully argued before the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and successfully represented clients in the Federal District Courts for the Southern and Northern Districts of Ohio and throughout numerous Ohio state courts, at both the trial and appellate court level. Ryan's practice also involves representing clients in arbitrations and emergency injunctive proceedings.

Ryan was recognized by *Chambers USA* 2012 and 2013 among the "Leaders in their Field" for General Commercial Litigation. According to *Chambers USA*, "Ryan Sherman is an emerging talent with a focus on complex commercial disputes, including construction, oil and gas, and healthcare. He is building a reputation as "a well-rounded litigator - a great writer and a great advocate." *Chambers USA* goes on to note him as "one of the next generation of leading Ohio litigators." In addition, he has been named to *Ohio Super Lawyers*® Rising Star edition each year since 2009 and has been recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Construction Law.

Representative Matters

Construction Litigation

- Currently serving as lead counsel for national home builder in numerous construction disputes and related matters throughout Ohio.

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SOCIAL MEDIA

Blogs

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EDUCATION

The Ohio State University Moritz
College of Law, J.D., 2002

The Ohio State University, B.A.,
magna cum laude, 1999

SERVICES

Litigation

- Commercial litigation
- Intellectual property litigation
- Non-competition and trade secrets litigation
- Securities litigation
- Arbitration and mediation
- Class actions and mass torts and MDLs
- Construction
- Health care litigation

Business Competition Advice & Litigation

- Non-compete, non-solicitation, non-recruitment and non-disclosure agreements
- Non-competition and trade secret

- Successfully represented The Ohio State University in two multi-million dollar lawsuits involving “Project One” — the University’s \$1 billion expansion of its medical center.
- Successfully defended national manufacturer in multi-million dollar construction lawsuit.
- Tried and won a commercial construction dispute involving claims of negligence, breach of warranty, and breach of contract.
- Successfully represented state contracting agency in several significant construction defect cases, obtaining over \$1 million in combined settlement payments.

Intellectual Property Disputes

- Currently representing international automotive component supplier in a complex patent infringement action.
- Currently representing international paper manufacturer in trademark and unfair competition actions in federal court.
- Argued and won Sixth Circuit appeal on behalf of national children’s product manufacturer in a commercial trademark dispute involving the sale of infant products.
- Successfully represented equity research firm in obtaining temporary restraining order and stipulated injunction that required group of former employees who had formed competing firm to return trade secret and confidential information and prohibited them from soliciting top customers.

Securities and Shareholder Actions

- Successfully defended national financial institution in related securities, ERISA and shareholder derivative actions.
- Successfully defended national retailer in several shareholder lawsuits challenging propriety of proposed merger.
- Obtained dismissal of shareholder class action and derivative challenge to multi-million dollar proposed merger.

Business and Contract Disputes

- Successfully represented national energy supplier in a breach of contract action seeking to pierce the corporate veil of insolvent business partner’s parent corporation.
- Obtained dismissal of Ohio lawsuit against out-of-state real estate developer on personal jurisdiction grounds.
- Successfully defended physician group in federal district court and subsequent Sixth Circuit appeal in a case filed by former physician employee alleging termination in violation of public policy, as well as violations of Stark and anti-kickback statutes.
- Represented employee and employer in preliminary injunction proceedings involving alleged violations of non-compete agreement.

Bar Admissions

Ohio

counseling and litigation

SERVICES (CONTINUED)

Securities

- Securities litigation

Real Estate

- Real estate litigation
- Construction and design contracts

Health Care

- Litigation

Intellectual Property

- Enforcement, disputes and litigation

Energy

- Oil and gas

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Columbus Bar Association, *Judicial Screening Committee*
- Ohio State Bar Association, *Council of Delegates*, 2010-2012
- Defense Research Institute, *Construction Law Committee*
- Builders Exchange of Central Ohio
- Building Industry Association of Central Ohio



U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

Presentations

- "Construction Law Seminar: Building Out Your Litigation Avoidance Plan," Porter Wright, June 28, 2018
- "Protection Against the Unknowns: ABCs of CGL," Construction Law Forum, Porter Wright, Nov. 9, 2016
- "Ohio Construction Law Update 2014-2015," Ohio State Bar Association Construction Law Forum, Sept. 17, 2015
- "Condemnation in the Public Utility World," International Right of Way Association's Utility Day Seminar, January 2014
- "What's New in Public Contracting: ProjectOne and Year One of Construction Reform," Ohio State Bar Association Construction Law Reform, 2012
- "ProjectOne: What's New in Public Contracting?," Ohio State Bar Association Construction Law Forum, Sept 6, 2011
- "Preparing Effective Commercial Contracts, Navigating Boiler Plate: Reading the Fine Print," 2011
- "Construction Contracts and Inherent Risks," Lorman Education Services, 2011
- "Construction Contracts and Inherent Risks," National Business Institute, 2010

Honors | Awards

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Construction Law
- Ohio State Bar Association, Best Brief Award "Best Private Briefs," April 2018
- *Ohio Super Lawyers*® — Rising Stars Edition, 2009-2016
- *Chambers USA*, "Leaders in their Field," General Commercial Litigation, 2012-2013
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Community

- Ohio Supreme Court Lawyer to Lawyer Mentoring Program, Mentor, 2010-2015
- Pro bono Tenants' Advocacy Project and Collections Defense Project
- Leadership Columbus, Class of 2011