



Brodie M. Butland

Brodie is a partner in the firm's Litigation Department, concentrating in business and commercial litigation including contract, trade secret, asset protection and intellectual property matters.

With significant experience in state and federal court, including in state and federal court appeals, Brodie brings an ability to advise businesses on effective strategies in the drafting stage of agreements and contracts to help minimize possible litigation.

He has represented a diverse group of industries including aerospace, hospitality, insurance, book publishers, athletic facilities, food and beverage, and manufacturing, as well as governmental entities. He has presented numerous times on issues relating to business contract litigation and the rules of evidence. Brodie has also represented numerous small and large businesses in product liability matters, including asbestos, as well as personal injury, fair wage, and employment discrimination and wrongful discharge cases. He has represented creditors in foreclosure, bankruptcy and collection actions.

As a member of Starting Strength Coaches' Association, Brodie provides legal guidance on issues covering personal and business liability in the fitness industry. He is also a frequent contributor to the firm's antitrust blog, *Antitrust Law Source*.

Prior to joining Porter Wright, Brodie clerked for The Honorable Sara Lioi, U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, where he worked on a variety of cases involving commercial litigation, employment, labor, intellectual property and criminal matters.

Bar Admissions

Ohio
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
Supreme Court of the United States

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SOCIAL MEDIA

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antitrustlawsource.com

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EDUCATION

The Ohio State University College of Law, J.D., *summa cum laude*, 2008

University of Notre Dame, B.S., *cum laude*, 2005

SERVICES

Bankruptcy, Workout & Creditors' Rights

- Commercial foreclosures/receiverships
- Debtor-creditor litigation

Intellectual Property

- Enforcement, disputes and litigation

Litigation

- Commercial litigation
- Appellate and Supreme Court practice

Presentations

- “Legal Issues in Strength Coaching,” Starting Strength Coaches Association 6th Annual Conference, August 2017
- “In the Hot Seat: Deciphering the Code,” Porter Wright Employment Relations Seminar, Oct. 20, 2016
- “Legal Issues in Strength Coaching,” “Legal Issues for Online Training,” Starting Strength Coaches Association 5th Annual Conference, Aug. 5, 2016
- “Legal Topics in Personal Training,” Lorain County Community College, July 29, 2016
- “Legal Issues in Strength Training: Waivers, Deceptive Advertising and Regulation,” Starting Strength Coaches Association Conference, October 2015
- “Government Licensure for Personal Trainers: A Solution in Search of a Problem,” The Aasgaard Company, Aug. 20, 2015
- “The Rules of Evidence: A Practical Toolkit,” National Business Institute, April 2015
- “The Law and Strength Coaching: Protecting Your Business from Legal Liability,” Starting Strength Coaches' Association Conference, Oct. 4, 2014
- “Settlement Strategies and Ethics,” National Business Institute, February 2013
- “Applying the Rules of Evidence: Witnesses and Expert Reports,” National Business Institute, September 2012
- “Enforceability, Breach and Damages,” National Business Institute, December 2011

Publications

- “The myth of protective orders,” *Cleveland Metro Bar Journal*, April 2019
- “A far from hypothetical risk: Intervention: The little known enemy of protective orders,” *For the Defense*, Defense Research Institute, July 2018
- “National Advertising Division recommends that Shark Tank product discontinue representations,” LinkedIn.com, Dec. 9, 2016
- “National Advertising Division confirms: Make sure your testimonials have evidentiary support,” LinkedIn.com, Nov. 28, 2016
- “What we can learn from a \$14.5 million verdict against a personal trainer,” LinkedIn.com, March 10, 2016
- “Heads up, PTs: Why N.C.’s recent dietetics clarification matters,” LinkedIn.com, Feb. 20, 2015
- “Raising the bar: Legal issues in strength training,” *startingstrength.com*, April 22, 2014
- “U.S. Supreme Court oral arguments in *BG Group PLC v. Republic of Argentina*: Four things we learned,” *The Business Suit*, December 2013
- “*BG Group PLC v. Republic of Argentina*: One of the most significant business cases that you have never heard of,” *The Business Suit*, November 2013

Labor & Employment

- Workplace safety
- Discrimination and retaliation

Business Competition, Advice & Litigation

Sports

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
- American Bar Association, *Antitrust Division*



- “The 'adoptive admission' provision of FRE 801(d)(2)(C),” DRI, *For The Defense*, September 2012

Honors | Awards

- *Ohio Super Lawyers*[®], Rising Stars Edition, 2015-2019
- John M. Adams Constitutional Law Award
- Order of the Coif
- Charles W. Kettlewell Professional Responsibility Award
- Donald S. Teller Memorial Award
- Judge Ernest Karam Award

Community

- Cleveland Bridge Builders, Class of 2015
- Lakewood YMCA Advisory Board, past chairman
- Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio, LeadDIVERSITY Class of 2013
- Starting Strength Coaches' Association
- 3R's Program, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute
- Notre Dame Club of Cleveland
- CollegeNow Mentoring Program