



David M. Belczyk

partner

David is a mechanical engineer and former assistant district attorney who has successfully litigated complex matters before federal and state trial and appellate courts. He has tried numerous matters to jury verdict and has broad experience at all stages of litigation. He represents high-profile clients in matters of national and international scope.

David's practice has included litigation related to: allegations of design, manufacture and installation defects; performance specifications and warranty issues; construction disputes; project management; delay and disruption claims; product functionality and safety; and other engineering matters. David also handles complex commercial contract and UCC disputes, including supply chain and logistics issues, especially when it is helpful to understand the technical characteristics of the project, services, or products. David has a diverse appeals practice and served as a clerk with the Seventh Circuit for two years.

David has managed the development and presentation of crucial expert testimony related to structural, electrical and mechanical engineering, construction methods, metallurgy, chemistry, project management, damages and forensic accounting. He is a member of the Engineering Society of Western Pennsylvania. As an undergraduate researcher, he contributed new findings to the field of fluid mechanics.

David is the secretary and outside general counsel for the humanitarian agency MI Americas, advising the organization on their emergency relief and long-term development programs throughout the Americas and the Caribbean. He serves on the Board of Pittsburgh Opera and taught for many years as an adjunct professor of appellate practice at Duquesne Law. Among his pro bono contributions, David has helped to save an asylum claimant from deportation, successfully pursued civil rights claims, mediated prisoner disputes, supported veterans with diverse legal needs, observed demonstrations in defense of the First Amendment and helped with legal issues surrounding artistic exhibitions.

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EDUCATION

The George Washington University Law School, J.D., *with honors*, 2006 (George Washington Scholar; International Law Review; Chair, Moot Court)

University of Notre Dame, B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, 2003

SERVICES

Litigation

- Appellate and Supreme Court practice
- Arbitration and mediation
- Catastrophic injuries
- Class actions, mass torts and MDLs
- Commercial litigation
- Product liability

Construction

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Delay and disruption claims and other cost and ownership disputes concerning the dismantlement and redevelopment of a major steelmaking facility, including seven interconnected contracts over approximately 20 years
- International arbitration concerning product performance and durability allegations related to design and controls systems for automotive parts
- Disputes related to supply chain and logistics in specialty services and raw material industries, including complex questions under the UCC regarding contract formation and terms in the international powdered metals industry and complex questions regarding performance metrics in the device-repair industry
- Defective design and installation claims concerning generator windings provided to a major utility
- Construction defect claims concerning a portfolio of large residential and commercial developments across two states, including multi-building condo and mixed-use developments
- Litigation concerning the international supply of allegedly defective products, including warranty claims regarding design, manufacture, quality control, durability, and certification testing
- Defense of class-action claims concerning product performance and “most-favored” pricing by a large roofing manufacturer and installer servicing government institutions
- Disputes concerning ownership, maintenance, funding, and statutory compliance related to historic high-rise redevelopment in a city center
- Litigation concerning intellectual property, procurement practices, contract performance, and tortious interference in the polymer packaging industry, including emergency injunctive proceedings following bids for components
- Roofing manufacturer allegations concerning supply of defective polymer coatings, including analysis of formulation
- Product liability claims regarding product packaging, refrigeration units, ATVs, and bolts used to stabilize mines
- Disputes concerning project management, scheduling, and site conditions for large developments, including in the health care and educational arenas
- Advice on public-works construction regulations related to data infrastructure project planning and development
- CERCLA contribution related to a transformer rehabilitation site
- False Claims Act investigations and litigation in the healthcare and education industries
- Commercial contracting disputes concerning medical equipment leasing and potential intersection with government regulation
- Claims of professional architectural negligence
- Corporate ownership disputes
- Maintenance and performance disputes for heavy equipment leasing
- Grand jury investigation of an institutional client
- Government investigation of agricultural-industry merger
- Protection of trade secrets and related non-compete issues, including pursuit of injunctive relief, in the financial and other industries
- Mechanics’ lien issues
- Management of a portfolio of consumer litigation related to the Fair Credit Reporting Act

- Proactive analysis of risk related to new product development

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Pennsylvania
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

PRESENTATIONS

- “Case Studies: Legal and Forensic Accounting Internal Investigations of Fraud,” Oct. 12, 2023
- “Issue Spotting Key Appellate Considerations During the Life of a Case,” Western Pennsylvania Association of Corporate Counsel of America, Aug. 29, 2023
- “Petitions for Injunctive Relief,” Allegheny County Bar Association, Civil Litigation Section, Aug. 8, 2023
- “Conspiracy Theory: The Viability of ‘Conspiracy Jurisdiction’ in Pennsylvania and its Impact on Corporate Parties in Litigation,” Western Pennsylvania Association of Corporate Counsel of America, April 28, 2021
- “Internal Investigations – Key Considerations,” Western Pennsylvania Association of Corporate Counsel of America, Sept. 10, 2019
- “Recent Developments & Trends in E-Discovery,” Central Ohio Association of Corporate Counsel, Jan. 15, 2019

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Local Rules Advisory Committee

HONORS | AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America*®
- Pennsylvania Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Edition

COMMUNITY

- MI Americas, Secretary and Outside General Counsel
- Pittsburgh Opera, Board of Directors, 2017-present
- Duquesne Law School, Adjunct Professor of Appellate Practice and Procedure, 2012-2022
- Engineers’ Society of Western Pennsylvania Member, 2018-present
- Notre Dame Club of Pittsburgh, Member