



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; construction; project management; delay and disruption claims; supply chain and logistics issues; and other engineering matters. David's experience also extends to international arbitrations, class action defense, False Claims Act defense, government investigations, CERCLA, consumer litigation, and proactive counseling to reduce or avoid claims. David 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 assistant secretary and outside general counsel for the humanitarian agency MI Americas, advising the organization on their emergency relief and long-term development programs throughout North, Central and South America and the Caribbean. He serves on the Board of Pittsburgh Opera and as an adjunct professor at Duquesne Law. In addition, he 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.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Litigation concerning the international supply of allegedly defective products, including claims regarding design, manufacture, quality control and safety testing

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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

- 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 and complex questions regarding performance metrics
- Defective design and installation claims concerning generator windings provided to a major utility
- Delay and disruption claims and other cost and ownership disputes concerning the dismantlement of a major steelmaking facility
- Defense of class action claims concerning product performance and “most-favored” pricing by a large manufacturer and installer
- Disputes concerning project management, scheduling and site conditions for large developments, including in the health care and educational arenas
- Litigation concerning intellectual property, procurement practices, contract performance and tortious interference in the polymer packaging industry
- Product performance and durability allegations related to design and international supply in the automotive industry
- Construction defect claims concerning a portfolio of large residential and commercial developments across two states
- Advice on public-works construction regulations related to project planning and development
- Disputes concerning compliance, ownership, maintenance and funding disputes related to historic high-rise development
- CERCLA contribution related to a transformer rehabilitation site
- Corporate ownership disputes
- False Claims Act investigations and litigation in the healthcare and education industries
- Personal injury product liability claims regarding product packaging, refrigeration units, ATVs and bolts used to stabilize mines
- Manufacturer allegations concerning supply of defective polymer coatings
- Commercial contracting disputes concerning medical equipment leasing
- Claims of professional architectural negligence
- Maintenance and performance disputes for heavy equipment leasing
- Grand jury investigation of an institutional client
- Protection of trade secrets, including pursuit of injunctive relief
- Mechanics’ lien issues
- Non-compete litigation
- Management of a portfolio of consumer litigation
- 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

- "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

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

COMMUNITY

- MI Americas, Assistant 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