



Christopher J. Dutton

partner

Chris focuses on construction and commercial business litigation. He has been involved in the successful resolution of claims in state and federal courts in Ohio and Kentucky as well as multiple private arbitrations and mediations.

Chris's pre-law background is firmly rooted in the construction industry. In 2003, he received his undergraduate degree in Construction Management from the University of Cincinnati. He worked for an ENR Top 500 Specialty Contractor as a project manager/estimator before and while attending law school. Chris has also served as an adjunct professor and volunteer in the University of Cincinnati's Construction Management program since 2007.

Prior to joining Porter Wright, Chris worked as a bond attorney for a national surety where he was involved in the investigation and disposition of complex claims against construction payment and performance bonds and also estate and guardianship bonds. He worked closely with outside counsel throughout the country and developed a first-hand understanding and perspective of client expectations.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- Kentucky
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio
- Supreme Court of the United States

PRESENTATIONS

- "Contract Negotiations," Allied Construction Industries, May 27, 2021
- "Executing," AGC Project Manager Development Program, March 9, 2021
- "Emerging Construction Technologies and their Legal Issues," Allied Construction Industries Technology & Innovation Expo, Sept. 1, 2020

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EDUCATION

Northern Kentucky University
Salmon P. Chase College of Law,
J.D., *cum laude*, 2007

University of Cincinnati, B.S., *with honors*, 2003

SERVICES

Litigation

- Construction
- Arbitration and mediation
- Commercial litigation
- Insurance litigation
- Product liability
- Intellectual property litigation

Real Estate

- Commercial and residential development
- Foreclosures, receiverships and workouts
- Sustainability initiatives
- Construction and design contracts
- Real estate litigation

Business Competition, Advice & Litigation

- “How To Maximize Returns On Work Performed,” Allied Construction Industries, Aug. 20, 2020
- “COVID-19: The Legal Ramifications of Building During a Pandemic Webinar,” Allied Construction Industries, May 27, 2020
- “Managing Risk, Killer Contract Clauses and Project Documentation Webinar,” Allied Construction Industries, April 20, 2020
- “New Overtime Law Info Session,” Allied Construction Industries, Oct. 17, 2019
- “Understanding Construction Contract Essentials,” Construction Contract Workshop, Oct. 16, 2019
- “Contract Administration,” AGC Project Manager Development Program, Aug. 20-21, 2019

PUBLICATIONS

- “Ohio House Bill 380: Adding owner accountability to Ohio's Prompt Payment Act,” *The Constructor*, Winter 2020
- “Retroactive insurance coverage for construction defects? Ohio's highest court declines to answer,” Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys, May 1, 2018

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Kentucky Bar Association
- LEED Accredited Professional
- Cincinnati Bar Association, Building & Assets Subcommittee, Co-Chair; Grievance Committee; Cincinnati Academy of Leadership for Lawyers
- Cincinnati Bar Foundation, Rock the Foundation
- Allied Construction Industries

HONORS | AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers: Ones To Watch*, Construction Law, 2021
- Allied Construction Industries (ACI) Rising Star 2019
- *Ohio Super Lawyers*[®], Rising Stars Edition, 2009
- CALI Excellence for the Future Award[®] in Constitution Law

COMMUNITY

- University of Cincinnati, College of Engineering & Applied Science, Adjunct Professor and Volunteer