



Christine E. Watchorn

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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PRACTICES / INDUSTRIES

Litigation

Complex Business
Mass Tort/Occupational Exposure
Construction Litigation
Consumer & Commercial Litigation

Real Estate

Construction

Business

Financial Services

AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

Business Law/Litigation
Asbestos, Toxic Tort
Construction Law/Litigation

EDUCATION

Ohio Wesleyan University (B.A., *cum laude*, 1994); Presidential Scholar
Capital University (J.D., *summa cum laude*, 2003) Order of the Curia; Law Review; Presidential Merit Scholarship recipient

AT A GLANCE

Christine focuses her practice in the areas of business litigation, including complex commercial litigation, liability defense, and construction litigation. Her experience includes defense of personal injury, premises liability, and products liability cases, including asbestos-related claims, as well as rental car and truck litigation and litigation involving fitness centers. Christine is skilled in defending contractual and warranty-based claims and in disputes involving contract interpretation, including insurance coverage claims. She has represented design professionals and contractors in construction matters, including contract disputes and delay claims. Christine also has knowledge in appellate advocacy and probate litigation matters.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Experienced in defending contractual and warranty-based claims and in commercial litigation.

Experienced in defending personal injury, product liability, and premises liability matters.

Represents national car and truck rental companies and fitness centers throughout Ohio.

Experienced in a wide array of civil litigation and probate litigation matters.

Experienced in appellate-level advocacy in Ohio's Courts of Appeals.

Previous experience in the not-for-profit sector as a professional trainer, curriculum developer and community outreach liaison.

HONORS & DISTINCTIONS

Named an "Ohio Super Lawyer Rising Star" in a survey of Ohio lawyers by *Law & Politics* magazine (2011)

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REPORTED CASES

Blythe v. Blythe, 2004-Ohio-575

Lehrner v. Safeco Ins./Am. States Ins.Co., 2007-Ohio-795

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Publications

"Ohio Re-Constructs its Construction Statute of Repose," Co-authored, *Builder/Architect* (June 2005)

"The Impact of Tort Reform on the Construction Industry," Co-authored, *Columbus Business First* (March 2005)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Black's Law Dictionary Panel of Contributors (*Member*)

American Bar Association

Ohio State Bar Association

Columbus Bar Association (*Member, Mentoring Committee*)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Ohio Center for Law-Related Education, High School Mock Trial State Competition (*Volunteer Judge, 2007*)

OSU Moritz College of Law, Mentoring and More at Moritz (*Mentor, 2005-present*)

Columbus Bar Association, Summer Leader Internship Program (*Mentor, 2006 and 2007*)

Leadership Columbus (*Class of 2007*)

Columbus Bar Leadership Academy (*Class of 2007*)

ADMISSIONS

State of Ohio

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio

U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit