

PRACTICE FOCUS

Travers practices primarily in the firm's Construction Law area, representing subcontractors, general contractors, owners, suppliers, architects, sureties, construction managers and others. He joined Kegler Brown in 2005 from Katz & Stone, LLP, in Vienna, Virginia (suburb of Washington, D.C.).

Construction and Contract Law

Eric advises construction businesses and owners in all aspects of construction law, including resolution of payment disputes, contract drafting and negotiation, risk management strategies, and preserving, perfecting and enforcing/defending mechanic's liens. He also assists clients in asserting, defending, negotiating and resolving payment and performance bond claims. Eric is experienced in change order issues (delay claims, changes, acceleration, damages, changed conditions, etc.), airport lease and sublease negotiations, and drafting, revising and negotiating appropriate release and settlement language for construction claims, progress payments, and final payments.

Litigation / Alternative Dispute Resolution

Experienced in state and federal court trial and appellate practice, Eric is also trained in and successfully helped numerous clients resolve disputes through alternative dispute resolution techniques, including mediation and arbitration. Eric specializes in helping clients develop cost-effective strategies to evaluate and manage risk at all stages of the contract, project, and litigation process, with an eye to limit and resolve disputes short of litigation. In those instances when litigation or arbitration cannot be avoided, Eric works with his clients to develop a trial strategy to achieve an outcome consistent with their goals and the law. Eric then takes the case from the initial pleadings to the final judgment and beyond, and presents each case in a manner designed to maximize his client's opportunities to get and preserve a favorable judgment or award.

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Litigation



“When we call Eric, we are confident that our issue will be addressed professionally and in an expeditious manner. This allows us to proceed with our work knowing full well that our attorney will have all the bases covered in our best interest.”

- David Sterling, Guava & Java



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CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Authored successful amicus brief for the American Subcontractors Association in *Questar Builders v. CB Flooring*, 410 Md. 241, 978 A.2d 651 (2009), where the Maryland Court of Appeals held that the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing applies to limit a party's discretion to exercise a termination for convenience clause in a contract.

Successfully represented school board in obtaining dismissal of lawsuit by general contractor on grounds of fraud or mistake. *Ingle-Barr, Inc. v. Scioto Valley Local School District Board*, 2009-Ohio-5345.

Successfully won preliminary dismissal of multi-million dollar contribution claim against client in *Kohl's Dept. Stores Inc. v. Target Stores Corp.*, 214 F.R.D. 406 (E.D. Va., 2003), a case arising out of major commercial construction of a shopping center complex.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association, Construction Litigation committee, member

Central Ohio Diabetes Association, Friends of Camp Hamwi Committee, member

Maryland and Virginia State Bar Associations, member

Ohio State Bar Association, member

Phi Delta Phi International Legal Fraternity, member

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

National speaker and seminar lecturer on construction law topics to trade association and industry groups, including the American Bar Association, American Subcontractors Association, National Electrical Contractors Association, Lorman Education Services and others.

Published author of numerous construction law topics, including articles on mechanic's lien law, surety claims, contract negotiation, changes, defects, delay claims and contractual risk transfer for publications of the International Risk Management Institute, the Washington D.C. Metropolitan Subcontractors Association, the Construction Management Association of America, NACM-Ohio, the Ohio Construction and Code Journal, and others.

BAR ADMISSIONS

Maryland, Ohio, Virginia (Associate Member)

U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland (Inactive)

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

EDUCATION

Juris Doctorate (1998)

The George Washington University Law School

Bachelor of Arts, English and Political Science (1995)

Lake Forest College

Cum laude