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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 + Contract Law

Eric advises construction businesses and owners in all aspects of construction law, including resolution of payment disputes, contract drafting and negotiation, bid qualifications, risk management strategies, and preserving, perfecting and enforcing/defending mechanic's lien and bond claims. Eric regularly advises clients on matters involving 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 and negotiating release and settlement language for payment claims. He also represents clients in resolving OSHA citations and related matters.

Litigation + Alternative Dispute Resolution

Experienced in state and federal court trial and appellate practice, Eric has 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. If litigation or arbitration cannot be avoided, Eric works with his clients to develop an arbitration or 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 or award and beyond and presents each case in a manner designed to maximize his client's opportunities to get and preserve a favorable outcome.

Professional Affiliations

- + American Bar Association, Construction Litigation committee, member
- + Columbus Bar Association, member
- + Maryland State Bar Association, member
- + Ohio State Bar Association, member
- + Phi Delta Phi International Legal Fraternity, member
- + Virginia State Bar Association, associate member

Charitable + Civic Involvement

- + Columbus Youth Development Association, board member

Special Honors

- + Received a 2017 CLSA Law Firm Award for excellence in construction law
- + Martindale-Hubbell Rating of AV
- + Selected to the Ohio Rising Star list by Super Lawyers (2012)

Publications + Presentations

- + "Ohio Supreme Court Upholds Liquidated Damages," Kegler Brown Construction Law Alert, February 24, 2016
- + "Bid Shopping + Bid Peddling: What It Is, Why It Hurts, and What Can Be Done About It?" presented at the LMCI/FIF Convention in Las Vegas, NV, December 4-6, 2015
- + "Negotiating Retainage," ASA Building for Profit Internet Learning Series, January 13, 2015
- + "Forum-Selection Clauses After *Atlantic Marine*," *The Construction Lawyer*, Summer 2014
- + "Ohio Supreme Court Rules That CGL Policies Do Not Cover Claims of Defective Construction or Workmanship Brought by a Property Owner," Kegler Brown Construction Alert, October 2012
- + "Ohio Construction Reform Finalized – The New Reality," presented February 2012
- + "Contracting with an EDGE: Waivers and constitutionality of the Ohio EDGE Program Rules," Kegler Brown Construction Newsletter, July 2010
- + "Ethical Challenges of Bid Shopping," *The Construction Lawyer*, co-author, June 2010

Bar Admissions

- + Ohio
- + Maryland
- + Virginia
- + U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia
- + U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland (Inactive)

Education

- + The George Washington University Law School (J.D., 1998)
- + Lake Forest College (B.A., 1995)

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