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OVERVIEW

Eric Michener is an attorney in the firm's Litigation Department, as well as a member of the Employment Law Practice Group and the Chair of the Construction Law Practice Group. He has litigated a wide variety of issues in state and federal courts, in front of administrative bodies, and before arbitrators. The cases have included everything from breach of contract claims to the defense of OSHA citations. With over 50 jury trials, Eric is a seasoned trial attorney who zealously advocates for his client and knows his way around a courtroom.

Prior to joining the firm, Eric served as a prosecutor for the Montgomery Prosecutor's office and then the Ohio Attorney General's office.

EDUCATION

University of Virginia College of Law, J.D., Rex E. Lee Law Society, Vice President

Brigham Young University, B.A., *magna cum laude*, Speech and Debate Club, co-founder

ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- Maryland
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, District of Maryland
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

PRACTICE AREAS

CONSTRUCTION

EMPLOYMENT AND LABOR

- EMPLOYMENT LITIGATION
- OSHA

ESTATE PLANNING, PROBATE, AND TRUST ADMINISTRATION

- PROBATE AND TRUST LITIGATION

LITIGATION

- NON-COMPETE AND OTHER RESTRICTIVE COVENANT DISPUTES
- COLLECTIONS AND CREDITORS' RIGHTS
- COMMERCIAL LITIGATION
- CONSTRUCTION LITIGATION
- PERSONAL INJURY AND WRONGFUL DEATH

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CLERKSHIPS

- Judicial Law Clerk to The Honorable Judge Curtis L. Collier, United States District Court, Eastern District of Tennessee

EXPERIENCE

- Successfully prosecuted a non-competition agreement declaratory judgment action before an arbitrator, invalidating the non-competition clause and securing attorneys' fees for the client
- Defended a client against a breach of lease claim and won $40,000 breach of contract counterclaim after a jury trial
- Negotiated a $205,000 settlement for a property owner against a pipeline company that violated its reclamation duties

AFFILIATIONS

- Ohio State Bar Association
- Wayne County Bar Association

IN THE COMMUNITY

- Wooster Noon Lions Club (2016-present)
  - Board Member (2018-present)
  - President (past)
  - Second Vice President (past)
- Wayne County Child Advocacy Center, Board Member (2016-present)
- United Way of Wayne and Holmes Counties, Board Member, Executive Committee

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Lien on Me: An Overview of Ohio's Mechanics' Lien Law" – Critchfield Breakfast Briefing (2024)

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