

Ashtyn N. Saltz

Associate



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Practices/Industries

- Complex Business Litigation
- Trade Secrets/Unfair Competition/Noncompetes
- Employment & Labor Litigation
- Real Estate/Environmental Litigation

Education

Miami University
(B.A., 2009)

Case Western Reserve
University School of Law
(J.D., *cum laude*, 2012)

Recipient of Hugo Grotius
International Law Scholarship

Journal of Law, Technology &
the Internet, Senior Editor

Overview

Ashtyn focuses his practice in a variety of areas of complex commercial litigation, including contractual disputes, business torts, intellectual property, and employment matters. He has experience with all aspects of the litigation process in state and federal courts, including research, motion practice, discovery, depositions, trials, and appeals.

During law school, Ashtyn participated in the Case Western Reserve University School of Law Community Development Clinic where he provided transactional and corporate counsel legal services to community development corporations, other community and arts-based nonprofits, and entrepreneurs. He also served as a Law Clerk with the Civil Division of the City of Cleveland's Department of Law and with the United Nations' Special Tribunal for Lebanon in The Hague, Netherlands.

Experience

- Obtained jury trial defense verdict on behalf of accounting and business advisory firm sued for breach of contract and accounting malpractice by a credit card processing company seeking in excess of \$3 million in damages for an alleged failure to identify errors in the plaintiff's financial statements during an audit.
- Obtained dismissal on behalf of attorney for guardian in lawsuit involving claims by guardian's former ward for fraud and conversion relating to investments in excess of \$1 million. Won case on appeal in Ohio's Eighth District Court of Appeals.
- Part of litigation team that reached favorable settlements representing a national bank in prosecution of claims against two former bank employees who left the client's employment to join a competitor. The ex-employees were bound by confidentiality agreements but took hundreds of confidential documents from the client and were actively soliciting customers. The court issued a preliminary injunction against both defendants' further use of trade secrets, and ordered all data and documents be returned to the client.
- Part of litigation team that reached a favorable settlement in complex litigation involving damage to clients' property from a landslide during a government sewer project on the clients' property. The case involved numerous novel legal issues in the realms of eminent domain, government contracts, governmental tort liability, and negligence.
- Part of litigation team that reached a favorable settlement in a complex commercial contract dispute involving the construction of a large, mixed-use real estate project.
- Part of litigation team that reached a favorable settlement in a complex patent and antitrust dispute involving industry leading international companies.
- Successfully opposed motion for summary judgment in construction litigation matter on behalf of general contractor regarding supply and installation of materials resulting in a favorable settlement.

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Presentations

- “Attorney-Client Privilege in Joint Representations & Common Interest Scenarios,” Internal Firm Presentation (November 2018)
- “Defend Trade Secrets Act (DTSA),” Internal Firm Presentation (January 2017)

Involvement

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Ohio State Bar Association
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
- Judge John M. Manos Inn of Court

Honors & Distinctions

- Named to the Ohio Super Lawyers Rising Stars list (2020-2022)
- Named to the Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch, Litigation - Labor and Employment; Commercial Litigation (2021; 2022)

Admissions

- State of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio