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Jeffrey A. Brauer focuses his practice on litigation, construction law, and creditors' rights matters. Jeff regularly handles complex financial, engineering, and technical disputes in state and federal trial courts and arbitrations. Jeff is experienced in addressing potential claims from development through discovery, mediation, trial, and appeal. Jeff is also often called upon to obtain emergency injunctive relief, such as enforcement of time-sensitive noncompete and nonsolicitation agreements.

Jeff has represented owners, general contractors, subcontractors, and other construction professionals on construction matters for his entire career. Jeff works with clients at every stage of construction, bringing his experience to help clients avoid litigation, minimize risk, and resolve disputes early whenever possible. When trial work is necessary, Jeff has extensive construction experience before juries and arbitration panels. Jeff also serves as an arbitrator and brings the perspective he has developed from this work to help his clients.

Jeff frequently represents lenders, non-traditional lenders, secured creditors, general creditors, equipment lessors, and debtors in various proceedings, including bankruptcy, receiverships, commercial foreclosures, and collections. Jeff's experience and familiarity with these issues has aided his clients in not only getting judgments, but collecting on judgments.

Publications & Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, *Ethics for Construction Attorneys*, NBI, April 2021.
- Speaker, *Obstacles to Enforcement of International Judgements*, Alliot Global Alliance Dispute Resolution Roundtable, January 2021.
- Co-Author, "The Devilish Details," *Properties Magazine*, February 2019.
- Organizer and Moderator, *Sizzling Hot Topics in Professional Conduct*, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (CMBA), 2017.
- Co-Author, *A Practitioner's Guide to Class Actions*, ABA Publishing, Ohio Chapter, 2010 and 2017 editions.
- Moderator, *Handling Business Tort Cases*, ABA TIPS TeleCLE, 2016.
- Organizer and Moderator, *The Care and Feeding of a Commercial Damages Expert Witness*, ABA TIPS Section Annual Meeting, 2015.
- Organizer and Speaker, *Litigation Institute*, CMBA, 2015.
- Speaker, *Effective Expert Valuation Reports and Surviving Cross Examination*, NACVA, 2014.
- Speaker, *Handling Case Management Conferences*, Federal Bar Association, 2013.
- Speaker, *Construction Defect Litigation: From A to Z*, NBI, 2012.
- Author, "The Time Limits, They are a-Changin'," *OSBA Litigation News*, 2012.
- Faculty, NITA Great Lakes Deposition Training Program, 2011-14.



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- Faculty, CMBA/NITA Trial Advocacy Institute: 2004-10.
- Speaker, *Construction Law Fundamentals*, NBI, 2009.

Professional History

- Partner, Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP, 2004-present; Associate, 1998-2003; Ethics Committee Chair, 2013-present; Pro Bono Committee Chair, 2007-present.
- Associate, Williams & Montgomery, Ltd., 1994-98.

Admissions

- Ohio, 1998; Illinois, 1994.
- U.S. District Courts for the Northern District of Ohio, Southern District of Ohio, Northern District of Illinois, Central District of Illinois, Eastern District of Michigan, Western District of Michigan, Western District of Pennsylvania, Southern District of Indiana, Western District of Tennessee, District of Colorado, and Southern District of Texas.
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Education

- Vanderbilt University School of Law, J.D., 1994.
 - Honors & Activities: Vanderbilt Moot Court Board, Associate Justice; American Jurisprudence Award in Professional Responsibility; Firm Giving Program Representative, 2008-present (100% participating firm).
- Northwestern University, B.S., Communications, 1990.

Memberships & Affiliations

- American Arbitration Association, Roster of Arbitrators and Construction Panel, 2016-present.
- Alliot Global Alliance, Member, Litigation Dispute Resolution Specialty Practice Group.
- Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas. Arbitrator and Mediator, 2015-present.
- American Bar Association, *TIPS*: Business Litigation Committee, Chair, 2016-17 – Exceptional Achievement and Fellowship Awards; Vice Chair, 2007-present; Corporate Counsel Committee, Vice Chair 2013-present; Outreach to Young Lawyers Committee, Vice Chair, 2008-13; Membership Committee, Vice Chair, 2005-11; Law in Public Service Committee, Vice Chair, 2005-08; Fidelity and Surety Law Committee, Member, 2005-08; *TIPS Now!*, Fellow, 2006-08.
- Ohio State Bar Association, Council of Delegates, elected 2005-present; Membership Committee, 2011-13; Committee and Section Advisory Council, 2011-12.
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, Board of Directors, 2019-present; Ethics and Professionalism Committee, Chair, 2017-18; Litigation Section, Council, 2011-present.

- Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers, 2014-present.
- Ohio State Bar Foundation, Life Fellow; Board of Trustees, 2017-present; Membership Committee, 2012-present.

Awards & Distinctions

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Commercial Litigation, 2021-22.
- *Ohio Super Lawyers*®, Construction Litigation, 2014-20.
- Top Rated Lawyer, Cleveland's Legal Leaders, 2012-16.
- Ohio State Bar Foundation Community Service Award for Attorneys 40 and Under, statewide winner, 2009.
- AV Preeminent®, Martindale-Hubbell.
- National Institute for Trial Advocacy, National Session, July 2003.

Community Involvement

- Fine Arts Association of Willoughby, President of Board of Directors, 2015-17, Board of Directors, 2007-present.
- Wills for Heroes, Ohio Founder and Statewide Coordinator, 2007-14.
- Lake County Dances Under the Stars, Celebrity Dancer, 2010.
- Charenton Theater Company, Founding Board Member.
- Northwestern University Alumni Association of Cleveland, Alumni Admissions Council, 2002-present.

Personal

Jeff is married and lives in Kirtland, Ohio with his wife and their three sons. Jeff likes to be outside whenever possible, running when the weather is warm, and skiing when the weather is cold. Jeff is also always in the middle of a do-it-himself home construction project.