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Dubbed zealous and creative by opposing counsel, Aaron S. Evenchik specializes in construction and real estate law, where he represents clients in both transactional and litigation matters. His cross-practice technique allows him to help resolve disputes innovatively and effectively. Aaron's experience with transactions and handling multiple first chair litigation/arbitration matters enables him to better understand the goal of the deal and draft transactional documents to avoid problems and disputes. He advocates for and assists clients of all sizes to explore and close on properties, obtain zoning and to grow their businesses and meet their objectives.

He has first chair experience in construction, real estate, zoning, and contract disputes as well as in asserting lien and bond claims, defending and prosecuting claims for and against owners, contractors and subcontractors, as well as significant zoning litigation experience. Aaron's degree in Civil Engineering and his experience working as in-house with a construction company allow him to understand construction and real estate clients' business needs, operations and objectives.

Aaron represents general contractors, design/builders, subcontractors, developers, owners, specialty trades, suppliers and manufacturers in all aspects of construction and real estate law.

Outside of his practice, Aaron publishes articles and presents at seminars on construction, new subcontract terms & conditions and other construction contract and legal topics in Ohio.

Publications & Speaking Engagements

- Co-Author, "Delays in Critical Material for Bridge Contractors: Managing Risk Through Proactive Planning and Strict Adherence to Notice Requirements", May 2022.
- Speaker, "Change Orders and Extra Work," "Determining Responsibility and Remedy for Delays," "Determining Who is Insured Under Commercial General Liability Policies," Ohio Construction Law: Advanced Issues and Answers, National Business Institute, May 2022.
- Speaker, "Contract Tools for Managing Risk," Ohio Department of Transportation Bonding Education Program, February 2022
- Speaker, "Residential Remodeling Contracts and Issues Including Consumer Sales Practices Act," 43rd Annual Cleveland Metro Bar Association Real Estate Institute, November 4, 2021
- Author, "Developer's Council Update: Housing and Zoning Symposium," Home Builders Association, October 2021
- Speaker, "Housing and Zoning Symposium: Cuyahoga County," Home Builders Association of Greater Cleveland, October 1, 2021
- Speaker, "Wetlands Seminar," Home Builders Association of Greater Cleveland, August 6, 2021



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- Author, “Material Price Escalation, Impact on Demand and Risk on Costs,” Home Builders Association, April 2021
- Author, “Permitted Zoning Uses are Entitled to Prompt Approval”, Home Builders Association, October 2020
- Author, “Shelter in Place May Change Layout of Homes and Neighborhoods”, Home Builders Association, June 2020
- Speaker, “Delayed Payments? Get Secured!”, Ohio Contractors Association, May 2020
- Speaker, “Construction Industry COVID-10 Update”, Construction Employers’ Association, Ohio Contractors Association, April 2020
- Author, “COVID-19 Impact on Development,” Home Builders Association, April 2020
- Speaker, “Documenting and Calculating COVID-19 Delays”, Construction Employers’ Association, March 2020
- Speaker, “Hahn Loeser Construction Industry COVID-19 Update”, March 2020
- Speaker, “Why Can’t We All Just Get Along? Best Practices for the ODOT dispute process – from both the claimant’s and ODOT’s Perspective”, 2020 Conaway Conference, March 2020
- Speaker, “Construction Law from Start to Finish”, NBI, December 2019
- Speaker, “Identifying and Mitigating Contract and Subcontract Risks”, Construction Employers Association, November 2019
- Speaker, “Protect Project Profits and Mitigate Risk with Proper Project Documentation”, DHI conNEXTions, November 2019
- Speaker, “Construction Contract Issues for Real Estate Lawyers”, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, November 2019
- Co-Author, “What to Do When Your Employees Are Dive Bombed By Falcons,” *Properties Magazine*, June 2019.
- Speaker, “Litigation Institute Opening Statements”, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, May 2019
- Author, “HBA Supports City of Euclid Development Efforts,” Newsletter, HBA of Greater Cleveland, Vol. 9 Issue 2, April 2019.
- Author, “Potential Transfer Tax and Real Estate Tax Changes on Entity Sales,” Newsletter, HBA of Greater Cleveland, Vol. 8 Issue 4, December 2018.
- Speaker, “Payment Problems with Change Orders and Extra Work,” Construction Law: Advanced Issues and Answers, National Business Institute Seminar, December 2018.
- Co-Author, “Potential Transfer Tax + Real Estate Tax Changes on Entity Sales,” *Properties Magazine*, November 2018.
- Speaker, “Lien on Me,” Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association 40th Annual Real Estate Law Institute, November 2018.
- Speaker, “Legal Aspects of Construction Law,” American Society of Civil Engineers, Akron-Canton Chapter, November 2018
- Speaker, “Effective Project Documentation and Contract Provisions,” Construction Employers Association (CEA), September 2018.
- “Practical Guide to Zoning and Land Use Law,” National Business Institute (NBI), August 2018.
- Author, “Real Estate Development in Downtown Cleveland,” Newsletter, HBA of Greater Cleveland, Vol. 8 Issue 3, July 2018.
- Speaker, “Managing Risk and Protecting Rewards in Design Build Construction,” CEA, June 2018.
- Author, “Best Practices with NIMBYs,” Newsletter, HBA of Greater Cleveland, Vol. 8 Issue 2, April 2018.
- Panelist, “The Halachic Origins of Economic Damages Litigation,” CLE Seminar, Cleveland State University, March 2018.
- Co-Author, “Risks of Marijuana-Related Businesses,” *Properties Magazine*, February 2018.
- Author, “Loan in Balance Can Be Troublesome,” Newsletter, HBA of Greater Cleveland, Vol. 8 Issue 1, 2018.
- Author, “Skipping Due Diligence Can Be Costly,” Newsletter, HBA of Greater Cleveland, Vol. 3 Issue 7, 2017.
- Speaker, “What Do You Do With a Defective Bid?” NBI, May 2017.
- Speaker, “New Subcontract Terms & Conditions,” February 2017.
- Speaker, “Securing Payment by Preserving and Perfecting Liens and Claims,” January 2017.
- Speaker, “Steps Preceding the Real Estate Closing,” NBI, December 2016.
- Speaker, “Subcontract and Application of the Subcontract to Prior Matters,” Geis Companies, July 2016.
- Speaker, “Return to Fundamentals- Why Your Contract Matters- Key Provisions in Construction Contract and Subcontracts,” Cleveland Engineering Society, March 2016.
- Speaker, “Obtaining Variances to Zoning Law,” NBI, Teleconference, January 2016.
- Author, “Make Development Great Again?” Newsletter, HBA of Greater Cleveland, October 2015.
- Author, “Just Trying to be Helpful,” New Lawyer News, October 2015.
- Speaker, “Practical Guide to Zoning and Land Use,” NBI, August 2015.
- Speaker, “Mechanics’ Liens in Ohio,” NBI, June 2015.
- Speaker, “Understanding and Negotiating Key Subcontract Provisions,” CEA, March 2015.
- Speaker, “Return to Fundamentals: Why Your Contract Matter,” Cleveland Engineering Society, March 2015.
- Speaker, “Home Builder Association’s Recommended Warranty Issues,” HBA, February 2015.
- Speaker, “Fundamentals of Construction Contracts in Ohio,” Lorman Education Services, December 2014.
- Speaker, “Handling Real Estate Transactions from Start to Finish,” NBI, November 2014.



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- Author, “Be Aware of Limits in Title Insurance Coverage for Above Surface Gas Lease Operations,” Newsletter, HBA of Greater Cleveland, October 2014.
- Author, “Critical Construction Steps You Cannot Ignore,” *Properties Magazine*, August 2014.
- Speaker, “Tricks, Traps and Ploys Used in Construction Scheduling in Ohio,” Lorman Education Services, May 2014.
- Speaker, “The Changing Legal Needs of a Business (from Organization through Succession),” OSBA Annual Convention, May 2014.
- Speaker, “Fundamentals of Construction Contracts: Understanding the Issues in Ohio,” Lorman Education Services, October 2013.
- Speaker, “Construction Lien Law in Ohio,” Lorman Education Series, April 2013.
- City of University Heights, Financial Advisory Committee, prior member.
- Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland, Community Planning Committee, prior member.
- Council Gardens, Board and Executive Committee.

Admissions

- State of Ohio.
- U.S. District Courts for the Northern District of Ohio, Southern District of Ohio, District of Colorado.

Education

- The Ohio State University College of Law, J.D., 2001.
- The Ohio State University, B.S., Civil Engineering, 1998.

Memberships & Affiliations

- ACE Mentor Program Cleveland, Board of Directors, Governance and Nominating Committee, Vice Chair, Member.
- Home Builders Association of Great Cleveland, Developers Council, Chairman.
- Ohio State Bar Association, Member.
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, Member.

Awards & Distinctions

- *ChambersUSA*, Construction Law, 2022
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Commercial Litigation, 2020-23.
- Rising Star, *Ohio Super Lawyers*®, 2013-2016.
- Honorable Mention Award - Hero Behind the Scenes, Project Love, 2015.
- Home Builders Association of Greater Cleveland Developers Council Chair recognition.

Community Involvement

- Hebrew Academy of Cleveland, Board Member, 2017-present.
- Cleveland Leadership Center, Civic Leadership Institute, Class of 2015.
- Cleveland Hillel Foundation, Executive Committee; Board of Directors; Member.