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William D. Clifford is a shareholder of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C. He concentrates his practice in the areas of commercial, construction, and surety law.

Mr. Clifford is primarily engaged in contract drafting/negotiation, litigation, and arbitration/mediation of construction claims and other construction-related disputes. His practice involves representation of owners, general contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, developers, public agencies, design professionals, and sureties. His construction practice has involved airports, stadiums, convention centers, schools, bridges, highways, public housing, steel mills, electrical power plants, commercial office buildings, sewage treatment facilities, and prisons.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Clifford served as a law clerk for the Honorable Rolf Larsen, Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice. He serves as an Adjunct Professor at the Duquesne University School of Law teaching construction law.

Practice Focus

- Alternate Dispute Resolution
- Commercial Law and Litigation
- Construction Law
- Government Contracting and Compliance

Professional Accomplishments

- AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell® since 1997
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®: 2016 “Lawyer of the Year” in Construction Law for Pittsburgh
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® since 2006: Commercial Litigation, Construction Law, and Litigation – Construction
- *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*® 2004–2024
- AAA-ICDR Panel Member
- Allegheny County Bar Association Construction Law Achievement Award 2024
- Allegheny County Bar Foundation Kathryn M. Kenyon Leadership Award 2024

Speaking Engagements

- “Mediation Mini Camp” (Co-Speaker), Pennsylvania CLE, 12/13/2022

- “Construction Law Academy 7-Week Series” (Speaker), Pennsylvania CLE, 4/26/2018–10/4/2018
- “Builder Legal Update: The New Mechanic’s Lien Statute & the Recent Biltrite Decision” (Co-Presenter), Builders Association of Metropolitan Pittsburgh, 4/24/2007

Publications

- “Exculpatory Clauses: Will Pennsylvania Courts Permit Owners to Convert Terminations for Default into Terminations for Convenience?” (Co-Author), *BreakingGround* magazine, March/April 2023, pp. 50–51
- “When a Win is a Loss” (Author), *BreakingGround* magazine, Jan./Feb. 2016
- *Pennsylvania Construction Law: Project Delivery Methods, Execution, and Completion* (Contributing Author), PBI Press, 2013
- “Contractors on Projects Involving Federal Funds Better Dot Their I’s and Cross Their T’s (and Mind Their P’s and Q’s)” (Co-Author), *BreakingGround* magazine, Sept./Oct. 2010

Admissions and Licenses

- Pennsylvania Bar Admission
- Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
- Superior Court of Pennsylvania
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Memberships

- Allegheny County Bar Association (Construction Law Section – former Chair)
- American Bar Association (Fidelity & Surety Law Committee and Forum on the Construction Industry)
- Construction Lawyers Society of America
- Pennsylvania Bar Association

Community Involvement

- Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas (Best Interest Attorney Program Coordinator)
- CASA of Allegheny County (Court Appointed Special Advocate Volunteer)
- Neighborhood Legal Services (Protection From Abuse Project Pro Bono Volunteer)
- Pittsburgh Mercy Health System’s Operation Safety Net (legal clinic volunteer)
- Sexual Assault Response Team of Allegheny County (former outside general counsel on pro bono basis)
- The Shortest Line (Board Chair of nonprofit)

Education

- Thomas R. Kline School of Law of Duquesne University, J.D. (1981), *cum laude*
- Bucknell University, B.S. (1978), Business Administration





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