

Steven G. Bardsley

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As a civil trial lawyer for the last twenty-five years, Steve Bardsley has developed extensive experience in multiple practice areas, with recognized skill in professional liability, environmental law, and construction law. He has achieved positive results for his clients in all manner of cases, from slip-and-fall personal injury cases to multi-million dollar claims related to alleged errors and omissions, construction delays, environmental contamination, fire, collapse, catastrophic personal injury, and death. Steve has an undergraduate degree in engineering, which serves him well in sorting through technically complex construction issues.

Steve counsels owners, contractors and design professionals on tactics to avoid problems that can arise during construction projects, and prepares, negotiates, and reviews contract documents with a keen eye toward minimizing future liability. As a litigator who has successfully brought hundreds of cases to resolution, Steve understands the costs, risks and tactics of courtroom trials, private arbitrations and mediation. His primary focus is always on solving client problems in the most efficient and ethical manner.

In his practice as a mediator, Steve brings to bear that same practical problem-solving approach. He is not only fluent in construction law, but also in the construction process, because it is important to understand the role of each project participant and how they depend on each other. He encourages the parties to realistically assess their risks, tries to create a meaningful, productive and positive dialogue, and tenaciously drives toward a mutually acceptable resolution. He believes in the importance of fairness in the process and dignity in the outcome.

EDUCATION

Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University, J.D.

- Certificate in Environmental Law, 1993

Wilkes University, Bachelor's Degree, *cum laude*.

- Environmental and Civil Engineering, Minor in Physics Bachelor's Degree, 1985 - 1988

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 1993
- US District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 1996
- US District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania, 1996
- US District Court, District of New Jersey, 1993

Admitted to practice in state and federal courts in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and before the Supreme Court of the United States, Steve has earned numerous accolades including the following:

- Martindale-Hubbell, recognized as the gold standard in attorney ratings, gives him an “AV” rating, which is the highest awarded level, and notes his “very high to preeminent legal ability...a reflection of his expertise, experience, integrity, and overall professional excellence.”
- Chambers & Partners, an independent international company dedicated to surveying, researching, and ranking attorneys and law firms, has identified him as a “notable practitioner,” ranking him as one of the top construction litigators in Pennsylvania.
- His peers have selected him as a SuperLawyers® Top Rated Construction Litigation Attorney and voted him a Main Line Today Magazine “Top Lawyer.”

Steve is regularly invited to share his expertise with construction trade organizations and professional societies. He is a member of the Legal Counsel Forum for the American Council of Engineering Companies, and of the Society of American Registered Architects. He is also on the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee of the American Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Bar Association and The Claims and Litigation Management Alliance. He has completed extensive training as a mediator and arbitrator and has been approved to join the American Arbitration Association’s Roster of Arbitrators and Mediators. He also sits as a Judge Pro Tempore in the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania.

AFFILIATION

- American Arbitration Association’s Roster of Arbitrators and Mediators
- American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC), Legal Counsel Forum
- Construction Lawyers Society of America, Charter Fellow
- Society of American Registered Architects, Member
- Environmental & Emerging Claim Manager Association, Member

- State of New York, 2021
- Supreme Court of United States, 2015

PRACTICE AREAS

- Architect and Engineer
- Malpractice Defense
- Construction Law and
- Construction Defects
- Construction Injury Litigation
- Environmental Law
- Intellectual Property
- Alternative Dispute Resolution

- University of Pennsylvania, Weitzman School of Design, Guest Lecturer
- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (“CLM”), ADR Committee and Speaker
- American Bar Association - Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee
- Pennsylvania Bar Association – Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee
- United States Olympic Team Member: 2008 Beijing Olympics, Rowing, Women’s Lightweight Double Sculls: 10th place

AWARDS

- Martindale-Hubbell, rated AV Preeminent
- The Best Lawyers® in America, Construction Law (2020 - present)
- Pennsylvania SuperLawyers® Top Rated Construction Litigation Attorney (2017- present)
- Chambers & Partners, ranked as one of the top construction litigators in Pennsylvania (Date).
- Main Line Today Magazine “Top Lawyer,” Environmental Law (2016)