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Bill Geisen is a member and former chair of the firm's Construction Service Group. His practice focuses on construction law including dispute resolution, litigation and contract negotiation. Bill is a Fellow of the American College of Construction Lawyers, a Fellow of the Construction Lawyers Society of America, and a Fellow with the Litigation Counsel of America. Bill is a frequent lecturer for the University of Kentucky College of Law, the Construction Lawyers Society of America, Construction Users Roundtable and other construction trade associations. Over his career, Bill has litigated a wide variety of matters, including product liability cases.

## CAPABILITIES

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### Practice Areas

- Construction
- Arbitration, Mediation & Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Litigation & Appeals
- Drafting, Reviewing & Negotiating Construction Contracts
- Business Litigation
- Manufacturing
- Public Private Partnerships (P3)
- Product Liability Litigation
- Fabricated Structural Steel
- Health Care – Construction

## BAR ADMISSIONS

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- Kentucky
- Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky

## RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

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- **2024 Institute Chair Welcome Announcement**  
2024 Construction Law Institute, UK Rosenberg College of Law, Lexington, KY, October 17, 2024
- **Bill Geisen Earns 2023 Diversity Law Institute Award**  
by staff writer, *Attorney At Law Magazine*, November 15, 2023
- **Why Aren't We Living MLK's Dream?**  
CLSA International Conference, Bluffton, SC, Nov. 1-3, 2023
- **Negating the Nasty: Negotiating Tough Contract Terms**  
Construction Financial Management Association, Cincinnati Chapter, Cincinnati, OH, August 23, 2023
- **It's Gotta Stop!**  
Stites & Harbison Client Alert, May 15, 2023
- **2022 Construction Law Institute**  
Planning Committee Chair, UK Rosenberg College of Law CLE, October 20, 2022
- **Welcome and Announcements from the Conference Chair**  
2020 Construction Law Institute, UK/CLE, November 11-12, 2020
- **New Loss of Productivity Standard on the Horizon**  
Construction Lawyers Society of America (CLSA) Free Webinar Series, December 9, 2020
- **LD, or Not LD; Notice is the Question**  
North American Construction Law Symposium III, New York, December 5, 2019
- **Supreme Court Settles Age-Old Arbitrability Debate**  
Stites & Harbison Client Alert, January 15, 2019
- **Welcome and Announcements**  
Institute Chair, 2018 Construction Law Institute, UK/CLE, Lexington, KY, October 25, 2018
- **ADR Trends in the Construction Industry**

Construction Lawyers Society of American (CLSA) 2018 International Conference & Induction of Fellows, Banff, Alberta, Canada, September 5-7, 2018

- **State of Jobsite Safety: 2018**

Stites & Harbison Client Alert, February 20, 2018

- **A Brief Introduction to Arbitration Practice**

co-presenter, 2017 Kentucky Bar Association Annual Convention, Owensboro, KY, June 21-23, 2017

- **Guided Choice: Emerging ADR Trend**

Stites & Harbison Legal Update, December 29, 2016

- **Guided Choice: An Emerging ADR Trend**

*The Voice*, official magazine of The Construction Users Roundtable, Spring 2016

- **Are we there yet?**

Stites & Harbison, PLLC, December 2, 2015

- **Chapter 6: Discovery by Interrogatories**

**Discovery Deskbook for Construction Disputes**, Second Edition, ABA Forum on Construction Law, Editors: John M. Cook, [Buckner Hinkle, Jr.](#) and Alexander Moseley, 2015 ,with [Jessica A. Hill](#)

- **Program Chair and Moderator**

Construction Law Institute, University of Kentucky College of Law, Lexington, Ky., October 23, 2014

- **Prosecuting and Defending Productivity and Cumulative Impact Claims**

panel member, Indiana State Bar Association's Construction & Surety Law Section Collegiality & CLE, Oct. 11 & 12, 2013

- **Construction Industry on Rebound?**

Stites & Harbison Client Alert, April 3, 2013

- **Increasing Productivity Through Location Based Management Systems**

2012 Construction Users Roundtable National Conference, Orlando, Fla., November 13, 2012

- **Local Hiring Ordinances**

Construction Industry Insights 2012, Cincinnati, Oh., September 6, 2012

- **AIA Docs or ConsensusDOCS: Which Contract Best Suits Your Project?**

Lorman Education Services, Lexington, Ky., August 20, 2012

- **Increasing Project Productivity Through Location-Based Scheduling**

CURT Spring 2012 Meeting, Cincinnati, Oh., April 17, 2012

- **Reducing Adversarialism on Construction Projects**

2011 Construction Users Roundtable National Conference, Chandler, Ariz., November 7-9, 2011

- **The Construction Industry Credit Crunch**

Barnes Dennig Contractors Roundtable, Cincinnati, Oh., June 21, 2011

- **How Structural Engineers Can Work Effectively with Architects who use AIA C401**

2011 Structures Congress, Las Vegas, Nev., April 14-16, 2011

- **The Construction Industry Credit Crunch**

CAP Contractors Towne Hall Meeting, Cincinnati, Oh., January 19, 2011

- **Planning for & Handling Construction Industry Default Issues**  
11th Biennial Real Estate Law & Practice Institute, Lexington, Ky., November 11-12, 2010
- **New & Titillating Rules for the Construction Industry**  
Users Roundtable National Conference, Orlando, Fla., November 8-10, 2010
- **Understanding and Using AIA C401: Uses & Modifications of C401**  
CASE Structural Engineers' Business Practice Webinar, October 28, 2010
- **How Structural Engineers Can Work Effectively with Architects who use AIA C401**  
ACEC 2010 Fall Conference, Puerto Rico, October 17-19, 2010

## FIRM LEADERSHIP

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- Management Committee (2022-present)
- Office Executive Member, Covington, KY Office
- Construction Service Group, former Chair (2014-19)

## MEMBERSHIPS

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- American Arbitration Association,
  - Construction Advisory Board
- American Bar Association, Forum on Construction Law
- American College of Construction Lawyers,
  - Board of Governors (2022-25)
- Kentucky Bar Association,
  - Construction and Public Contract Law Section, Member and Board of Directors
- Construction Lawyers Society of America,
  - President
- Construction Users Roundtable
- Midwest/Midsouth Construction Law Institute,
  - Planning Committee
- Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce
- Construction Owners Association of the Tri-State

- Construction Financial Management Association,
  - Greater Cincinnati Chapter; Board of Directors

## EDUCATION

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- University of Kentucky College of Law J.D., 1982
- Xavier University H.A.B., *magna cum laude* 1979

## MORE THAN STITES & HARBISON

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Bill is a Board Member with Allied Construction Industries and Construction Financial Management Association - Greater Cincinnati Chapter. He was recently elected to the Board of Governors for the American College of Construction Lawyers where he will serve a three-year term (2022-25).

## ACCOLADES

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- *Martindale-Hubbell*® AV-Preeminent® Peer Review Rated
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Litigation - Construction Law (2006-26)
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Cincinnati Area Lawyer of the Year in Litigation - Construction (2017, 2021)
- *Kentucky Super Lawyers*® (2013-25)
- *Chambers USA*, "America's Leading Lawyers for Business," Construction Law (2013-18)
- *Corporate Counsel*, Top Lawyer
- Litigation Counsel of America, Fellow
- Construction Lawyers Society of America (CLSA), Diversity Law Institute Diversity Award (2023)