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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

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

- 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

- 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

- 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

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

MEMBERSHIPS

- 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

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

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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

- *Martindale-Hubbell*® AV-Preeminent® Peer Review Rated
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Litigation - Construction Law (2006-27)
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Cincinnati Area Lawyer of the Year in Litigation - Construction (2017, 2021)
- *Kentucky Super Lawyers*® (2013-26)
- *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)