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Halden concentrates his practice on commercial litigation and the resolution of complex business disputes. He has substantial experience representing businesses, both large and small, in federal and state court with their commercial disputes, whether those disputes relate to day-to-day business, contracts, real property, government contracting, financial services, or employment needs. He also has a depth of experience representing municipalities and businesses in municipal energy, governmental, and real property disputes.

Halden began his legal career as a federal judicial law clerk in the N.D. Ohio and draws from his experience working with the federal judiciary to achieve his clients' goals. In addition to representing clients in federal and state courts, he routinely represents businesses and individuals in matters administered by AAA and is familiar with all aspects of private arbitration.

Education

- The College of Wooster (B.A., *cum laude*, 2011)
- Case Western Reserve University School of Law (J.D., 2015)
 - National Moot Court Team; Dean Dunmore Moot Court Tournament, Semifinalist
 - Executive Board Member, Health Matrix: Journal of Law-Medicine

Bar Admissions

- Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin

Professional Affiliations

- Federal Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Ohio State Bar Association

Practices & Industries

- Complex Business Litigation
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Financial Services
- Real Estate Litigation

- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association

Community Involvement

- The McGregor Foundation (*Board of Directors, 2024*)

Awards & Honors

- Named to *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*, Commercial Litigation (2025; 2026), Litigation - Labor and Employment (2026)
- Named to the Ohio Super Lawyers Rising Stars list (2023-2025)
- Inducted into The Time Well Spent Society, Legal Aid Society of Cleveland (2024)

Experience

- First chair on team representing manufacturer of complex water treatment systems in federal case resulting in favorable resolution for client.
- First chair on team representing pawnbroker in bench trial resolving all claims in favor of client
- First chair on team representing residential real estate broker that resulted in voluntary dismissal of lawsuit through negotiations prior to motion practice (with no financial resolution component for client).
- Second chair on litigation team representing national automotive service chain in complex eminent domain action.
- Second chair on team representing national convenience store and gas station chain in commercial real estate dispute.
- Second chair on team representing financial institution that resolved substantial garnishment action at minimum expense to client.
- Second chair on team representing financial institution against claims for payment of tax levies that resulted in favorable resolution for client.
- Represented Ohio municipality in defense of breach of contract case filed by large chemical manufacturing company relating to municipally-supplied electricity through trial and appeals to District Court and Supreme Court of Ohio.
- Represented Ohio municipality in defense of civil and administrative claims brought by former mayor who was suspended and removed from office through trial and appeals to District Court and Supreme Court of Ohio – that ultimately denied accepting jurisdiction in client's favor.
- Represented real estate development company in dispute with tenant that breached commercial lease.
- Represented property development and management company in dispute over commercial development on adjoining property.
- Represented franchise development and advisement company in AAA proceedings in dispute with former franchisor client.
- Represented national home builder that defeated class certification.
- Represented professional certification company in federal injunctive relief action.
- Represented pharmaceutical company that reached a favorable outcome for client

resolving all claims and counterclaims.

- Represented promotional products company in recovery of funds owed under franchise agreement.
- Represented sporting goods company in defense of breach of contract claims against overseas manufacturer.
- Represented logistics company in defense of trade secrets and breach of contract claims.
- Represented sporting goods company in defense of breach of commercial lease claim.
- Successfully petitioned federal agency to take corrective action regarding its bid requirements and resolicit bids.
- Intervened on behalf of client to protect financial institution's interest in properly identifying trustees of charitable trust.
- Represented national bank in recovery of loans made to borrowers that declared bankruptcy.
- Represented client in bankruptcy litigation involving fraudulent transfer claims that resulted in favorable outcome for client.
- Represented client in recovery of investment where startup company failed to issue shares as indicated in investor agreement.
- Represented commercial real estate company in AAA case relating to substantial construction dispute with party owning adjoining commercial property.
- Represented purchaser in breach of lease action to exercise purchase option in lease agreement.
- Represented loan officer in AAA case relating to workplace harassment and discrimination.
- Key member of team in the appeal of a state agency's bid award that was heard by the state's board of contract appeals.
- Key member of teams that received favorable awards denying expungement of customer complaints from financial advisor's publicly available records in multiple cases.
- Served as local counsel in multiple federal actions resulting in favorable dismissal of claims.
- Regularly represents clients in disputes prior to initiation of suit to reach best possible outcome without cost of litigation.
- Previously served as a judicial law clerk to Magistrate Judge George J. Limbert of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, where he managed a docket of approximately 70 cases, drafted bench memoranda, prepared Opinions & Orders and Reports & Recommendations for civil and criminal cases, assisted in conducting mediations, and resolved disputes during all stages of litigation.

News & Media

August 21, 2025

UB Greensfelder Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® 2026 List

December 17, 2024

Ohio Super Lawyers Recognizes 57 UB Greensfelder Attorneys in 2025

August 15, 2024

UB Greensfelder Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® 2025 List

May 13, 2024

UB Greensfelder Attorney Halden Schwallie Elected to McGregor Board of Directors

December 29, 2023

Ohio Super Lawyers Recognizes 50 Ulmer Attorneys in 2024 Lists

January 6, 2023

Ohio Super Lawyers Recognizes 69 Ulmer Attorneys in 2023 Lists

December 21, 2021

District Courts Block Nationwide Vaccine Mandate for Federal Contractors