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Jesse is a construction lawyer with more than 20 years of experience drafting/negotiating transactions and resolving disputes in the construction and real estate environments. He represents a wide variety of clients, ranging from publicly traded companies to developers, specialty contractors, and architects/engineers. Licensed in Ohio, Kentucky, and Illinois, Jesse serves as lead counsel in every aspect of a construction project or dispute and has significant experience with the concrete, solar, and greenhouse trades. He has substantial trial and arbitration experience, and practices in front of state and federal courts across the country. Jesse is also available to act as a mediator in construction disputes, leveraging his deep industry knowledge to help parties reach efficient and practical resolutions.

Jesse has earned numerous accolades throughout his career. He is ranked as one of Ohio's "Leaders in Their Field" in Construction by Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business and is consistently recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Construction Law and Construction Litigation. He was named *Best Lawyers* 2022 "Lawyer of the Year" in Cincinnati for Construction Litigation, and 2025; 2021 "Lawyer of the Year" in Cincinnati for Construction Law. Jesse also has been named to the Ohio Super Lawyers list and recognized by Super Lawyers as one of the top 100 lawyers in the State of Ohio and as one of the top 50 lawyers in the city of Cincinnati. For the past five years, he has been named a Cincy Leading Lawyer in Civil Litigation in a survey of lawyers by *Cincy Magazine*.

Education

- George Mason University (B.S., 2001)
- University of Dayton School of Law (J.D., 2004)

Bar Admissions

- Ohio
- Illinois
- Kentucky
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio

Practices & Industries

- Construction
- Construction Litigation
- Construction Industry
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Cannabis Industry

- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Kentucky
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Kentucky
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association (*Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section; Fidelity & Surety Law Committee; Forum Committee on the Construction Industry*)
- Ohio State Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute
- National Association of Homebuilders
- Surety Claims Institute
- Cincinnati Bar Association (*Former Co-Chair of Construction Law Committee*)
- Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys (*Former Co-Chair, Construction Litigation Committee*)

Community Involvement

- United States Green Building Council (*Cincinnati Regional Chapter*)
- Ohio Supreme Court's Lawyer to Lawyer Mentoring Program (*Mentor*)
- Dohn Community High School (*Former Member, Board of Directors*)
- Teen Challenge Cincinnati (*Former Member, Board of Directors*)

Awards & Honors

- Ranked as one of Ohio's "Leaders in Their Field" in Construction by Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business (2026)
- Named to The Legal 500 US Elite, Chicago, Construction (2026)
- Named to Top Lawyers, Construction Law; Litigation - Construction by *Cincinnati Magazine* (2026)
- Named to *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Construction Law; Litigation – Construction (2018-2026)
- Designated *Best Lawyers*® Construction Law "Lawyer of the Year" in Cincinnati (2021; 2025)
- Designated *Best Lawyers* Litigation – Construction "Lawyer of the Year" in Cincinnati (2022)
- Named a Cincy Leading Lawyer in Civil Litigation in a survey of lawyers by *Cincy Magazine* (2019-2024)
- Named to the Ohio Super Lawyers list (2020-2026)
- Recognized as one of the Top 100 lawyers in the state of Ohio by Super Lawyers (2025; 2026)
- Named a Top 50 attorney in Cincinnati by Super Lawyers (2024-2026)
- Named to the Ohio Super Lawyers Rising Stars list (2009; 2012-2017)

- LEED® Green Associate (Green Building Certification Institute, May 2011-May 2012)

Experience

- Drafts and negotiates construction contracts for all aspects of upstream and downstream hires.
- Handles disputes arising at the front end, and after completion of many types of construction projects, including significant experience with the concrete, solar, and greenhouse trades.

News & Media

July 21, 2026

UB Greensfelder Attorneys and Firm Earn Recognition in Legal 500 2026 U.S. City Elite Rankings

June 4, 2026

UB Greensfelder Earns Top Rankings in Chambers USA 2026 Edition

January 12, 2026

Cincinnati Magazine Names 12 UB Greensfelder Partners to Its 2026 Top Lawyers List

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

December 29, 2023

Ohio Super Lawyers Recognizes 50 Ulmer Attorneys in 2024 Lists

August 17, 2023

Ulmer Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® 2024 Report

January 6, 2023

Ohio Super Lawyers Recognizes 69 Ulmer Attorneys in 2023 Lists

August 18, 2022

Ulmer Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® 2023 Report

January 4, 2022

Ohio Super Lawyers Recognizes Ulmer Attorneys in 2022 Lists

Publications & Presentations

PUBLICATIONS

- “Statutes of Repose: What Every Contractor Needs to Know,” Co-Author, Construction Executive (February 2020)
- “Five Points to Consider When Leasing Construction Equipment,” *ACC Lexology* (June 2012)
- “Green Building Law Part I: Getting Acquainted With Net Zero,” Defense Research Institute, *The Critical Path: The Newsletter of the Construction Law Committee*, Volume 15, Issue 1 (February 2012)
- “Construction Lawyers Should Understand ‘Net Zero’ — Green Building’s Pinnacle of Sustainability,” *Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys, Quarterly Review*, Construction Litigation Committee (Spring 2011)

PRESENTATIONS

- “Ethics for Professional Engineers: Back to the Basics,” ISEA Spring Conference (March 2023)
- “Protecting Against Materials Escalation Costs and Supply Chain Disruptions – Contract Terms to Negotiate and Other Risk-Avoidance Practices for Hiring Downstream and Upstream,” West Coast Construction Law Symposium (August 2022)
- “Due Diligence When Hiring a Contractor,” Ulmer Webinar (2019)
- “Contract Primer for Engineers” HalfMoon Education: Engineering Law and Ethics – Cincinnati, OH (June 2017)
- “Construction Law: What do You do When...?” National Business Institute Seminar (March 2017)
- “If I Build It, You Will Pay: Construction Claims and Coverage Issues,” 38th Annual Real Estate Institute – Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (November 2016)
- “Construction Defects: Evaluating the Strengths and Weaknesses of a Construction Defect Claim,” National Business Institute Seminar (December 2015)
- “Understanding Key Project Issues and How to Manage Them,” Ulmer & Berne and Construction Process Solutions, Ltd. CLE (October 2015)
- “Common Claims v. Engineers,” FoxMoor/HalfMoon “Managing Engineering Risk and Ethics Issues” Continuing Education Seminar (September 2015)
- “Mechanic’s Liens – Preserve Your Rights and Get Paid,” Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc., ABC Legal Day (June 2015)
- “Indemnity Provisions: Is the Subcontractor Responsible? What About the Design Professional?” Construction Defect Litigation: From A to Z (November 2014)
- “Public Lien Law in Ohio,” Lorman Education Services (June 2014)
- “Resolving Disputes During the Construction Process,” Allied Construction Industries (February 2014)