



Robin M. Wilson

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Licensed in Ohio and North Carolina, Robin is a skilled and accomplished commercial litigator and trial attorney and represents clients in a wide range of private and public sector litigation. Robin consistently delivers proven results for clients in matters involving trust and estate litigation, business torts, complex contract litigation, and real estate matters including commercial foreclosures, lease disputes, eminent domain, and zoning.

Robin has consistently been recognized by Super Lawyers® in Ohio and has been recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Commercial Litigation and Real Estate Litigation since 2021, including as "Lawyer of the Year" for Litigation - Real Estate in Cleveland.

Prior to joining UB Greensfelder, Robin was chief trial counsel for Cuyahoga County and a litigation partner with the national law firm of Thompson Hine LLP.

Education

- Ohio University (B.S., 1983)
 - Scripps School of Journalism
 - University of Xalapa, Veracruz, Junior Year Abroad
- Cleveland State University College of Law (J.D., *with honors*, 1996)
 - Co-Editor, *The Gavel*

Bar Admissions

- Ohio
- North Carolina
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio

Practices & Industries

- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Complex Business Litigation
- Fiduciary Services
- Appellate Litigation
- Employment & Labor Litigation
- Class Actions
- Real Estate
- Employment & Labor
- Fiduciary Litigation
- Real Estate Litigation

Professional Affiliations

- Litigation Counsel of America (Fellow, 2025-present)
- Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Panel of Business Mediators (*Court-appointed Mediator, 2018-present*)
- Cleveland State University College of Law (*Member, Board of Visitors, 2022-present*)
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (*Member, Board of Directors, 2021-2024, 2009-2011; Member, Bar Admissions, 2022-2024; Member, Grievance Committee, 2023-present; Executive Council, Young Lawyers Section, 1997-2001*)
- Cleveland Bar Foundation (*Fellow*)
- Cleveland State University Law Alumni Association (*President, 2022-2023; Member; Executive Board, 2018-present; Life Member*)
- William K. Thomas Inn of Court (*Barrister, 2016-2019; Benchers 2023-present*)
- Cleveland Civic Leadership Institute (*Class of 2011*)
- National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) (*Member, 2018-2020*)

Community Involvement

- Cleveland State University College of Law (*Adjunct Professor, Fall 2025*)
- City of Brecksville Planning Commission (2024-2027 term)
- Legal Aid Society of Cleveland (*Pro Bono Attorney*)
- Ohio Center for Law Related Activities (*Presiding Judge, Mock Trial Competitions*)
- National Institute for Trial Advocacy (*Faculty Member*)
- Western Reserve Academy (*Mock Trial Instructor, 2012-2016*)
- Brecksville Center for the Arts (*Past President/Chair, Board of Trustees*)

Awards & Honors

- Named *Best Lawyers* Litigation-Real Estate “Lawyer of the Year” in Cleveland (2023, 2026)
- Named to *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Litigation – Real Estate; Commercial Litigation (2021-2026)
- Named to the Ohio Super Lawyers list (2013, 2020-2026)
- Inducted into The Community Commitment Honor Society, Legal Aid Society of Cleveland (2024)
- President’s Award for Service to the Cleveland State University Law Alumni Association (2021-2022)
- *Crain’s Cleveland Business* General and In-House Counsel Awards, Government Division (2015)
- Award for Outstanding Service to the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (2011 and 2024)
- YWCA Women of Professional Excellence (2008)
- Burton Award for Legal Achievement in Writing (2005)

Experience

- Obtained settlement for corporate entity on eve of trial on eminent domain action for \$1.9M over original amount offered by appropriating entity.
- Successfully petitioned the court for appointment of a receiver over a corporate entity to manage its affairs in connection with a large downtown hotel.
- Obtained defense verdict in jury trial in favor of commercial landlord for breach of lease and other claims brought by tenant restaurant owner, and jury award of \$225,000 in damages for landlord on counterclaim.
- Obtained defense verdict in jury trial in favor of public employer on employee's claim for retaliatory discharge in violation of Title VII and state law discrimination statutes.
- Obtained \$3.3 million jury verdict in a valuation trial for defendant property owner whose property was appropriated by a railroad for an intermodal facility in Bedford, Ohio.
- Obtained permanent injunction and successfully prosecuted trustee action on behalf of beneficiaries wrongfully deprived of proper distributions of trust assets.
- Obtained summary judgment in favor of trustee on claims of fraud, tortious interference with inheritance, unjust enrichment, and civil conspiracy.
- Successfully handled cases filed against corporate trustees involving disputes filed by beneficiaries.
- Obtained summary judgment in favor of public employer on employee's claim brought under the Family and Medical Leave Act.
- Obtained dismissal of claim against public employer on employee's claim brought under the American with Disabilities Act.
- Obtained settlement shortly before trial in favor of developer in breach of option to purchase, promissory estoppel, and fraudulent inducement claims allowing development of hospital project in Lorain, Ohio.
- Obtained summary judgment in favor of defendant lender and servicer on a claim for breach of loan and security agreement pertaining to a \$25 million multiple term loan facility.
- Successfully handled many public records and sunshine law mediations and litigations before the Ohio Supreme Court and Court of Claims.
- Successfully defended numerous lenders and servicers against counterclaims arising from the Truth in Lending Act, Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, Fair Credit Reporting Act, Consumer Sales Practices Act, and other secured lending and liability claims.
- Obtained cognovit judgment on \$5 million construction loan in favor of a commercial lender and foreclosure of mortgage, including assignment of rents for loft apartment property in downtown Cleveland.
- Negotiated settlement of claim by telecommunications company for monies owed for consulting services provided in connection with the Federal Communications Commission E-Rate program, which provides affordable telecommunications services to eligible schools and libraries.
- Obtained \$4 million judgment for lender of construction loan after default by owner/developer and foreclosure of mortgage and assignment of rents for commercial

property in Ashtabula County, Ohio.

- Represented county port authority in eminent domain actions to acquire 14 commercial properties for a planned \$400 million mixed-use housing, office, and retail redevelopment project in Cleveland.
- Successfully defended against cognovit judgment and hostile takeover of Georgia-based Auto Auction Enterprise.
- Successfully defended against appeal by property owner of a Board of Zoning Appeals decision to grant a variance to erect a cellular monopole in Youngstown, Ohio.
- Successfully defended a Village of Bratenahl Board of Zoning Appeals' decision to grant property owner a side yard variance for lake views in an appeal by adjoining property owner.

Reported Cases

- *Figgie v. Figgie*, 173 N.E.3d 122 (8th Dist. 2021) (Estate and Trusts).
- *Binder v. Cuyahoga County*, 134 N.E.3d 807 (8th Dist. 2019). Judgment reversed by *Binder v. Cuyahoga County*, 161 Ohio St.3d 395 (2020). (Class Action).
- *Wesolowski v. Planning Commission*, 110 N.E.3d 705 2018 WL 1640043 (8th Dist. 2018). (Zoning and Planning).
- *Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 860 v. County of Cuyahoga*, 88 N.E.3d 1000 2017 WL 5446120 (10th Dist. 2017). (Employment and Labor).
- *Stewart v. Woods Cove II, L.L.C.*, 99 N.E.3d 956 2017 WL 4861579 (8th Dist. 2017). (Taxation).
- *Piazza v. Cuyahoga County*, 98 N.E.3d 1263 2017 WL 4547147 (8th Dist. 2017). (Employment and Labor).
- *Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 860 v. County of Cuyahoga*, 35 OPER P 51 (Arbitration Award 2017). (Labor).
- *State ex rel. Miller v. Pinkney*, 149 Ohio St.3d 662 77 N.E.3d 915 (2017). (Government Records).
- *State ex rel. Ohio Republican Party v. FitzGerald*, 145 Ohio St.3d 92 47 N.E.3d 124 (2015). (Government).
- *Jacobs v. Acacia Chattanooga Vehicle Auction, Inc.*, 2011 WL 3210061 (10th Dist. 2011) (Cognovit Judgment).
- *City of Cleveland v. Ameriquest Mort. Securities, Inc.*, 615 F.3d 496 2010 WL 2901049 (6th Cir. 2010). (Real Property).
- *Wells Fargo Bank v. Gilleland*, 621 F.Supp.2d 545 2009 WL 1530156 (N.D. Ohio 2009). (Banking/Lending Litigation).
- *Smith v. Encore Credit Corp.*, 623 F.Supp.2d 910 2008 WL 5169683 (N.D. Ohio 2008). (Finance and Banking).
- *City of Cleveland v. Deutsche Bank Trust Co.*, 571 F.Supp.2d 807 2008 WL 3822939 (N.D. Ohio 2008). (Banking/Lending Litigation).
- *Thermal Ventures II, L.P. v. Thermal Ventures, Inc.*, 2005-Ohio-3389, WL 1541071 (8th Dist. 2005). (Energy and Utilities/Arbitration).

- *Quality Solutions, Inc. v. Zupanc*, 993 F.Supp. 621 1997 WL 835481 (N.D. Ohio 1997). (Trademark Infringement).

News & Media

August 20, 2026

UB Greensfelder Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® 2027 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

February 22, 2021

Ulmer Partner Robin M. Wilson Appointed to Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association Board of Directors

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- Designated *Best Lawyers* Litigation-Real Estate “Lawyer of the Year” in Cleveland (2023)
- Named to *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Litigation – Real Estate; Commercial Litigation (2021-2025; 2027); Employment Law – Management (2027)
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- YWCA Women of Professional Excellence (2008)
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Publications & Presentations

PUBLICATIONS

- "The Northern District of Ohio Provides More Clarity on COVID-19 Related Business Interruption Claims," JD Supra (February 2021)

PRESENTATIONS

- "Into the Minds and Organizations of General Counsel," Moderator, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association Litigation Section (February 2020)
- "Multi-District Litigation and the Battle Against Opioid Abuse," Presenter, Ambulatory Surgery Center Association (ASCA) (May 2019)
- "Advanced Legal Issues Affecting Local Governments and Municipalities: The Ultimate Guide," Presenter, National Business Institute (December 2018)
- "Waking from Dreamland: The Opiate Crisis and Where Ohio Stands in the Fight," Presenter, Ohio State Bar Association (May 2018)
- "Road and Easement Law from A To Z," Presenter, National Business Institute (June 2014)