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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

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

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

- 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
- New Loss of Productivity Standard on the Horizon Construction Lawyers Society of America (CLSA) Free Webinar Series, December 9, 2020
- 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 Stites & Harbison Client Alert, May 28, 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

MORE THAN STITES & HARBISON

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 (2006-24)
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Cincinnati Area Lawyer of the Year in Litigation - Construction (2017, 2021)
- *Kentucky Super Lawyers*® (2013-24)
- *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)

TESTIMONIALS

" . . . regularly engaged to handle litigation and alternative dispute resolution related to the construction sector. "

- *Chambers Commentary (USA)*, 2016