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## AREAS OF PRACTICE

Litigation  
Real Estate & Construction



As an associate litigation attorney, I work closely with Buckingham partners to support businesses and institutions in Northeast Ohio through intricate legal matters and transactions. I have a passion for practicing law and finding resolutions to complex issues for my clients. Having worked for two federal district court judges, I have a unique perspective on what it takes to effectively advocate on behalf of my clients.

I believe clients are best served by a lawyer who takes the time to truly listen to their concerns and generate creative resolutions to those concerns. I strive to keep my clients informed through every step of the process to ensure the client is never kept in the dark. I work together with my clients to achieve their objectives in an efficient and effective manner.

Growing up in an entrepreneurial family, I understand and appreciate how important a client's business is to them. As a result, I will work tirelessly to ensure every client's goals are adequately taken care of.

## EXPERIENCE

- Joined Buckingham in 2020
- Summer Associate, Buckingham, 2019
- Judicial Extern Clerk for the Honorable Michael H. Watson, United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, Columbus Ohio
- Judicial Extern Clerk for the Honorable Algenon L Marbley, United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, Columbus Ohio
- Law Clerk, Emens & Wolper Law Firm LLP, Columbus Ohio

## EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Capital University Law School (J.D., *summa cum laude*, 2020)

Volume 47 Staff Member, Volume 48 Executive Board, Articles Editor,  
*Capital University Law Review*

Bowling Green State University (B.S., Business Administration, *cum laude*, 2017)

### Admissions

Ohio (2020)

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio

U.S. Court of Federal Claims

## AWARDS & HONORS

Recognized in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*<sup>®</sup> in America (2024-2025)