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Practice Areas

Litigation
Bankruptcy and Collections
Oil & Gas Law
Will and Trust Litigation

As co-chair of Houston Harbaugh's Litigation Group, Sam focuses his practice on commercial/business litigation. Sam regularly represents clients in the construction, manufacturing, oil and gas, and wholesale/retail/ distribution industries, as well as individuals in matters such as:

- Construction litigation
- Environmental litigation
- Breach of contract disputes
- Oil and gas litigation
- Negligence
- Restrictive covenants (non-compete agreements)
- Civil rights
- Collections/creditors' rights
- Lease disputes

Sam regularly represents shareholders and closely held businesses in resolving disputes, either through negotiation or, when necessary, litigation in the following areas: Breach of fiduciary duty, restrictive covenants (non-compete agreements), minority rights disputes, waste or mistreatment of company assets, executive compensation, buyout agreements, and self-dealing.

As a part of Sam's construction litigation practice he represents commercial and residential contractors, developers, lenders, subcontractors, material suppliers, engineers, architects, design professionals, insurance companies and landowners in such matters as:

- Contract (both general and subcontract) formulation and review
- Dispute avoidance counseling
- Mechanic's lien foreclosure
- Construction and design defect cases
- Statutory and common law warranty cases
- Owner/contractor disputes
- Contractor/subcontractor disputes
- Delay claims
- Bid disputes
- Performance and payment bond cases
- Professional negligence
- Land use disputes
- Property disputes
- Government licensing investigation and enforcement actions
- Arbitration/Mediation and other forms of alternative dispute resolution

Prior to joining Houston Harbaugh, Sam practiced law in the state of Ohio for eight years where he handled business disputes as well as defense of civil rights for government employees. Sam also served as an Assistant Attorney

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General for the State of Ohio and represented a number of governmental agencies, including the Ohio Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors, the Ohio Division of Securities, and the Ohio Division of Real Estate. While an Assistant Attorney General, Sam was awarded the Jeffrey Goldsmith Outstanding Attorney Award by the Business and Government Regulations Section of the Ohio Attorney General's Office.

Sam regularly presents on litigation and business-related topics to professional organizations and corporations. Currently, Sam teaches Federal Civil Rights Litigation at the Duquesne University School of Law where he guides students through the civil rights process of an actual federally-appointed case.

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- West Virginia
- Ohio
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third and Sixth Circuits
- U.S. District Court for the Western, Middle and Eastern Districts of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Northern and Southern Districts of West Virginia
- U.S. District Court for the Northern and Southern Districts of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado

Education

- University of Akron, J.D.
Law Review
- University of Pittsburgh, B.S.

Professional Affiliations

- Adjunct Professor, Duquesne University School of Law
- Member, Allegheny County Bar Association
- Member, Defense Research Institute (DRI)

Community Involvement

- Volunteer, Fox Chapel Youth Sports

Representative Engagements

- Represented parties in claims concerning commercial roofing, including: EPDM, bituminous, and standing seam
- Represented a Western Pennsylvania-based mineral resources producer in matters regarding pollution claims.
- Represented an architectural firm in a claim regarding alleged faulty design specifications.
- Represented a nationwide retailer in multiple breach of contract disputes, secured claims and bankruptcy preference actions throughout the country.
- Represented an engineering firm in a claim of design negligence regarding a safety valve on a natural gas expansion tank.
- Represented physicians, sales personnel, and information technology specialists in the prosecution and defense of restrictive covenants.