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Area of Emphasis

Marc Felezzola is a shareholder in Babst Calland's Litigation and Environmental groups. Mr. Felezzola's practice focuses on complex construction-related and environmental matters.

On the construction side of his practice, Mr. Felezzola serves as outside general counsel for owners, developers, design professionals, and construction companies, and frequently represents them in a variety of commercial and construction-related disputes including construction bid protests, construction defect claims, differing site condition claims, delay and inefficiency claims, payment and performance bond claims, mechanics' lien claims, as well as all other types of payment and contract performance disputes. Mr. Felezzola also specializes in construction contract review, drafting, and negotiation. He has extensive experience preparing and negotiating all forms of construction contracts, from customized forms to standard industry and government agreements, including the contracts of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and ConsensusDocs.

The other side of Mr. Felezzola's practice focuses on environmental litigation with an emphasis on contaminated sites and insurance recovery in the environmental context. He has extensive experience representing clients in large-scale cost recovery actions under CERCLA, RCRA, and other environmental statutes. Mr. Felezzola also advises clients on issues related to site remediation and pre-litigation matters involving responses to information requests, notice of liability letters, and enforcement orders from state and federal agencies and assists clients with navigating environmental liability issues and negotiating settlements and consent decrees with those agencies.

Mr. Felezzola has litigated on behalf of his clients before Pennsylvania, New Jersey, West Virginia, Ohio, and New York state trial level courts, the appellate courts of Pennsylvania, United States Federal District Courts throughout the country, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Additionally, Mr. Felezzola has experience representing clients in disputes resolved by the American Arbitration Association, JAMS, and other private dispute resolution forums.

Background

Mr. Felezzola graduated from Columbia University with a B.A. in History in 2005. He received his J.D. from the University of the Pittsburgh School of Law in 2011, where he graduated *cum laude*, served as the Executive Editor on the Editorial Board of the University of Pittsburgh Law Review, and was elected for membership in the Order of the Coif. While in law school, Mr. Felezzola completed an externship with the Honorable Joseph K. Williams of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County. He also served as a law clerk for an asbestos litigation firm in Pittsburgh and the Neighborhood Legal Services Association.

Memberships and Affiliations

Mr. Felezzola is licensed to practice in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and New Jersey, and is admitted in the United States District Courts for the Federal Districts of the Western District of Pennsylvania, the Northern and Southern Districts of West Virginia and the District of New Jersey. He is a member of the Allegheny County, Pennsylvania and American Bar associations.

In 2023, Mr. Felezzola was ranked among Pennsylvania's top construction lawyers in Chambers and Partners' *Chambers USA Guide*. He has received a *Best Lawyers*®: Ones to Watch recognition from BL Rankings for Commercial Litigation and Litigation – Construction since 2021. Mr. Felezzola was also selected to the 2019-2021 *Pennsylvania Rising Stars* lists (Thomson Reuters).

Publications/Presentations

Ostrowski, Sue (interviewed by author), "3 Steps to Manage the Financial Risks in Your Construction Project," *Smart Business*, August 2022.

Author, "Impacts of COVID-19 on Existing and Future Projects," Breaking Ground Magazine, July/August 2020.

Co-Author, "2 Recent Court Opinions Clarify Mechanics' Lien Claim Practices, Procedures," *The Legal Intelligencer*, March 26, 2020.

Author, "Lien and Bond Claims: A Subcontractor's Security Blanket," ASA's *The Contractor's Compass*, June 4, 2018.

Co-Presenter, "Construction Law 2017: The Year in Review," The Potential Impact of New Steel and Aluminum Tariffs on the Construction Industry, Pittsburgh, PA, March 2018.

Co-Author, "P3: The Future of the Construction Industry?" Foundation Drilling Magazine, February/March 2014.

Co-Presenter, "Pennsylvania Construction Law: Getting Started, Getting Covered, Getting Paid," PBI Press, 2014.

Co-Author, "Labor Law Primer/Refresher on Strikes and Picketing," for the 29th Annual Construction Labor Symposium, 2013.

Co-Author, "Construction Law Update: Case Law & Legislation Affecting the Construction Industry (2011-2012)," American Bar Association's Forum on Construction Law, 2012.