

Christopher Battles

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Overview

Christopher is a dynamic and thoughtful problem-solver with over a decade of experience in complex litigation, negotiation and corporate advising. Christopher has experience in a wide range of practice areas, including contract disputes, business torts, class-action litigation, employment law, intellectual property, FINRA and alternative dispute resolution (ADR).

His current practice centers on litigating and negotiating contractor, merchant and customer disputes throughout the United States on behalf of a Fortune 500 company.

He has also handled cases involving the First Amendment, the Civil Rights Act, the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, the Uniform Commercial Code, federal and state trade secret law and deceptive trade practices. Christopher also closely monitors major lawsuits and other developments in video game law and has presented at CLE programs and video game conferences.

Prior to joining Benesch, Christopher practiced at respected boutique firms in North Carolina and Ohio, where he developed a collaborative, versatile and client-focused approach to practicing law. He has represented clients in state and federal court, including arguing successfully before the North Carolina Supreme Court. Christopher has been named to both the Ohio and North Carolina Super Lawyers-Rising Stars lists during his career for his work in business litigation.

**Matter completed prior to joining Benesch*

Representative Matters

- Represented class of investors in private equity firm in action against managers for breach of fiduciary duty, misappropriation, and formation of competing private equity firm.*

- Represented Greater Cleveland Automobile Dealers' Association in high-profile litigation concerning proposed closure of I-X Center.*
- Represented homeowner accused of conspiracy to violate the First Amendment in federal lawsuit in connection with participation in city planning hearing; obtained dismissal of client.*
- Represented multinational tobacco company as lead counsel in multi-million-dollar lawsuit against machinery manufacturer; negotiated settlement at mediation.*
- Successfully argued matter before Supreme Court of North Carolina regarding discovery rights pursuant to motion to vacate arbitration award; obtained unanimous decision in favor of client.*
- Represented nationwide class of military veterans in federal lawsuits against Bank of America and Chase Bank involving violation of Servicemembers Civil Relief Act; both matters resulted in multi-million-dollar settlements.*

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Duke University School of Law, 2011, J.D., *cum laude*
  - Articles Editor, *Law & Contemporary Problems*
  - Appellate Litigation Clinic
- The Ohio State University, 2008, B.A. Economics; B.A. Political Science, *magna cum laude*
  - with honors
  - Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- North Carolina
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina

Memberships

- Member, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association

Awards & Recognition

- Ohio Super Lawyers – Rising Stars, Business Litigation, 2023-2026
- North Carolina Super Lawyers – Rising Stars, 2014-2021
- Certificate of *Pro Bono* Achievement, North Carolina Bar Association, 2011

News & Insights

- 48 Benesch Attorneys Selected to 2026 Ohio Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
  January 27, 2026 | Press Releases
- 49 Benesch Attorneys Selected to 2025 Ohio Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
  December 17, 2024 | Press Releases
- Christopher Battles mentioned in Crain's Cleveland People on the Move
  October 11, 2024 | Media Mentions