

Dave Walters

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Overview

Dave supports clients ranging from family-owned businesses to Fortune 500 companies in complex commercial cases and consumer class actions. Whether advising in state or federal courts or engaging in private arbitration, he approaches every case with his clients' goals and business needs at the forefront.

Dave's experience spans the entire lifecycle of litigation, which includes:

- Crafting insightful pleadings and targeted motions to strategically position clients for success from day one;
- Managing discovery effectively to build a strong record for summary judgment, class certification, mediation, settlement negotiations and trial; and
- Preparing and taking cases to trial with a sharp focus on the legal and factual issues that will drive favorable outcomes.

Dave is quick to adapt to the broad range of industries and legal issues presented in commercial litigation and consumer protection and class action matters. He has represented clients in the banking, retail, transportation & logistics and technology manufacturing industries, among others. His experience encompasses a wide array of legal issues including contract disputes, trade secret litigation, consumer actions under federal banking and lending laws and consumer privacy class actions under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, Electronic Communications Protection Act and state law equivalents.

This versatility and commitment to understanding each client's unique circumstances are what drive Dave's practice. He recognizes that clients' legal needs do not exist in a vacuum and strives to provide solutions tailored not just to the moment, but to the bigger picture.

Prior to joining Benesch, Dave externed for the Hon. Benita Y. Pearson of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio and honed his skills in defamation matters as a licensed legal intern at the Dr. Frank Stanton First Amendment Clinic at Case Western Reserve University School of Law.

Representative Matters

- Prepared case and joined trial team for two-week arbitration in eight figure directors & officers insurance coverage action.
- Obtained dismissal on the merits of product liability claim against manufacturing client.
- Facilitated early and favorable settlement of multiple nation-wide consumer class action lawsuits prior to class certification, including claims under TCPA and federal banking and lending laws.
- Successfully compelled arbitration of claims against household-name client over objections to validity of arbitration agreement.
- Drafted summary judgment briefing and developed strategy for oral argument in dispute over sale of private company that resulted in favorable ruling for client.
- Represented an ENR-ranked Midwest specialty contractor in a cross-border dispute over cost overruns and withheld payments on a steel manufacturing plant. The contractor significantly underbid the project due to misleading actions by the owner. Benesch re-baselined the schedule, developed a damage model and used an estoppel argument to secure a favorable settlement in fast-track arbitration.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Case Western Reserve University School of Law, 2024, J.D., *cum laude*
  - *Order of Barristers*
  - President, Mock Trial Team
  - Organizational Editor, Journal of Law Technology and the Internet
  - National Moot Court Team
  - Honors Fellow Course Tutor and Teaching Assistant
- Arizona State University, 2020, B.S., Political Science and Government

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

Memberships

- Member, Federal Bar Association - Northern District of Ohio
- Member, Ohio Bar Association

News & Insights

- The Coming State-Law Litigation Wave of 2026-27: “Subscription Trap” Class Actions
  August 14, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Raising the Bar: Ohio Moves to Increase Tort Damages Caps for the First Time in Two Decades
  April 13, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Staying Ahead of the Curve: Adapting to Evolving Cyber Regulatory Enforcement
  September 17, 2024 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Dave Walters and Nicolette Eddy mentioned in Crain's Cleveland People on the Move
  June 17, 2024 | Media Mentions
- Benesch Adds Dave Walters to Litigation Team in Cleveland
  May 31, 2024 | Press Releases