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Overview

Nicholas P. Lacey is a commercial litigator who represents clients in a wide range of business disputes, with a particular focus on transportation and logistics litigation. Nick helps clients navigate complex disputes efficiently and strategically, with an emphasis on practical solutions that align with their business objectives.

Nick has significant experience representing transportation and logistics clients in matters involving Carmack Amendment claims, FAAAA preemption issues, freight charge disputes, cargo claims, broker-carrier disputes, and other transportation-related litigation. He also has substantial experience handling matters before the Federal Maritime Commission, where he assists clients with disputes involving ocean transportation, detention and demurrage, shipping practices, and related regulatory issues.

In addition to his transportation practice, Nick regularly handles general commercial litigation matters in state and federal courts. His experience includes preparing dispositive motions, managing written discovery, taking and defending depositions, and developing litigation strategies designed to position clients for successful and cost-effective resolution. Nick works closely with clients at each stage of a dispute to assess risk, evaluate leverage, and pursue outcomes that make business sense.

Nick also has significant experience in Ohio foreclosure and receivership proceedings. He represents clients in matters involving distressed real estate, enforcement of secured rights, and court-supervised receiverships.

Across his practice, Nick is known for his careful preparation, clear communication, and focus on helping clients resolve disputes efficiently while protecting their legal and commercial interests.

Representative Matters

- Represented a natural gas utility in defeating a $15 million foreclosure action brought by three counties arising from alleged pre-sale tax liabilities tied to a pipeline acquired from a receiver free and clear of prior obligations. After extensive briefing and oral argument, the Cuyahoga County Court ruled in the utility's favor, and the Eighth Appellate District affirmed, rejecting the counties' notice and property classification arguments. The decision established new Ohio precedent regarding the classification of natural gas pipelines as personal property and the impact of public utility tax liens on pipeline sales.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Capital University Law School, 2020, J.D., *summa cum laude*
  - CALI® Excellence for the Future Award Recipient
  - Dean's List all semesters
  - Articles Editor, Capital University Law Review, Vol. 48
- Wright State University, 2017, B.A. Political Science, *cum laude*
  - Dean's List

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio

News & Insights

- InterConnect Newsletter | Q3 2026
  October 20, 2026 | Newsletters
- Preemption, Conversion and Limitation (of Liability)-Oh My! Eighth Circuit Affirms $100 Liability Limit for FedEx's Loss of $250,000 Watch: Key Takeaways for Shippers and Carriers
  October 14, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Course of Performance as Contract Amendment or Waiver: When Business Practices Overrides Paper Terms
  July 17, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Grand Theft Cargo: Practical Ways Freight Brokers Can Avoid Cyber-Enabled Cargo Theft
  April 9, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Regulatory Update for Marine Terminal Operators
  September 7, 2023 | Contributed Content & Presentations

- Benesch's Columbus Office is Pleased to Welcome 13 Exceptionally Talented New Attorneys
  June 7, 2021 | Press Releases
- What's in an "or"? Recent Supreme Court Decision Broadens the Scope of Specific Personal Jurisdiction, Narrowing Defendants' Options When Sued Out of State
  April 6, 2021 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Benesch Welcomes Eight Associates to the Firm
  March 2, 2021 | Press Releases

Speaking & Events

PAST EVENTS

- How to Have a Winning Deposition Strategy | Deana S. Stein, Nicholas P. Lacey
  July 12, 2022 | Speaking Engagement