

Sarah Schneider

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Overview

Sarah has experience handling a wide range of complex commercial litigation matters through all stages of dispute resolution, including trial, arbitration, and appellate proceedings. She assists clients with developing case strategy, conducting legal research, drafting substantive motions and briefs, managing discovery, preparing witnesses, and supporting trial and arbitration proceedings.

She has a proven track record in navigating complex litigation scenarios and delivering impactful results. She has prepared for and actively contributed to an eight-day commercial litigation trial including responsibilities encompassed drafting a motion for a directed verdict, formulating jury instructions, crafting jury interrogatories, and skillfully opposing various motions in limine.

In addition, Sarah has served as second chair during a three-day breach of contract arbitration, conducted a thorough examination of a direct witness, and drafted proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law. She has successfully drafted and argued a motion to dismiss a fiduciary claim based on jurisdictional grounds. Sarah has also prepared a compelling memorandum in objection to jurisdiction for the Supreme Court of Ohio while effectively countering a motion supporting appellate jurisdiction on a matter involving supersedeas bonds. Moreover, she possesses valuable insights into construction law, adding another layer to her diverse legal skill set.

Sarah has experience drafting motions for summary judgment in diverse cases, including commercial foreclosure, breach of contract, and fiduciary litigation disputes. Beyond the courtroom, Sarah expanded her expertise through an externship with Judge Boyko in the Northern District of Ohio.

Representative Matters

- Represented a client in connection with a contractor's damage to its underground utilities, which resulted in substantial corrective work and lost profits. Through strategic advocacy and negotiations, Benesch secured a favorable settlement.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Case Western Reserve University School of Law, 2021, J.D., *cum laude*
  - Case Western Reserve Law Review
  - Gerber Law Medicine Fellow; Dean's Honor List
  - Vice President, Women in Law
  - Member of the Student Health Law Association
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2018, Bachelor of Arts Double Major in Political Science and Philosophy
  - Teaching Assistant for Great Decisions - Foreign Policy Association
  - Fundraising Committee Member for Carolina Cupboard Food Pantry

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio

Memberships

- Volunteer, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association 3Rs Program
- Member, The Federal Bar Association - Northern District of Ohio
- Member, The Cleveland Professional Twenty Thirty Club
- Member, The City Club

News & Insights

- 126 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2027 Best Lawyers® Rankings
  August 20, 2026 | Press Releases
- 48 Benesch Attorneys Selected to 2026 Ohio Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
  January 27, 2026 | Press Releases

- Benesch Secures Major Trial Victory for Professional Bull Riders in High-Profile Bankruptcy Dispute
  November 3, 2025 | Press Releases
- Noteworthy Biometric Information Updates to the Ever-Changing Legal Landscape
  June 24, 2024 | Client Alerts & Insights
- “Forever Chemicals:” PFAS Litigation Expands In the Consumer Class Action Space
  May 21, 2024 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Illinois Lawmakers Moving Forward with Bill to Cap Penalties for “Per Scan” Violations under BIPA
  May 7, 2024 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Sarah Schneider and Mackenzie Rini mentioned in Crain's Cleveland People on the Move
  January 2, 2024 | Media Mentions
- Benesch Welcomes Associate to Litigation Team in Cleveland
  December 4, 2023 | Press Releases