

Trevor G. Covey

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Overview

Trevor Covey is a seasoned trial lawyer who represents clients in high-stakes commercial litigation across the country and before international arbitration tribunals. Known for his strategic thinking, courtroom presence and relentless focus on results, Trevor is often tapped to lead matters that are likely to proceed to trial. He also frequently argues appeals in state and federal courts nationwide.

Trevor's practice spans a broad range of disputes, including post-M&A fallout, trade secret misappropriation, complex contract claims and class actions. He represents clients in sectors such as financial services, industrial and consumer manufacturing, private equity, energy and technology, as well as matters and clients in the residential mortgage and fintech industries.

Clients rely on Trevor not just for his litigation skills but for his ability to understand the business impact of disputes and develop strategies aligned with their broader goals. His trial record includes dismissals, summary judgments and multimillion-dollar arbitration awards, many involving bet-the-company exposure.

Trevor is frequently sought after for his ability to cut through complexity, command the courtroom and deliver results when the stakes are highest.

Client Testimonials

"If my life is on the line, Trevor is sitting first chair. He's the best." – Counsel, Fortune 500 Company

"Trevor's cross-examinations are brilliant and devastating. I have watched in real time as he systematically dismantled experts, witnesses and cases." – Chief Legal Officer, National Mortgage Bank

"I trust Trevor to eliminate or minimize liability and damages in the most complex of cases." – Counsel, Fortune 500 Company

Representative Matters

- Obtained an eight-figure arbitration award on behalf of a multinational electronics and original design manufacturer in a directors & officers (D&O) insurance coverage action relating to a complex trade secrets dispute, which was confirmed by the Southern District of New York.
- On behalf of a global paint and coatings company, defeated eight-figure breach of contract claims and achieved complete award of counterclaims following international arbitration hearing before three-member tribunal.
- Defended Fortune 200 company in a multi-million-dollar breach of contract action in the Southern District of New York. The District Court dismissed all claims with prejudice and, following appeal, the Second Circuit affirmed.
- Defended global contract manufacturer in arbitration against nine-figure trade secret misappropriation claims.
- Defended private equity firm and board of directors and portfolio company against nine-figure claims of breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, and breach of contract brought by senior debt provider resulting in complete defense verdict after multi-month jury trial.
- Obtained and collected on behalf of Fortune 500 energy company a multi-million-dollar arbitration award for breach of contract following a hearing before a three-member arbitration panel. The arbitration panel also awarded attorneys' fees, which the Sixth Circuit affirmed.
- Defended Fortune 500 energy company in the Supreme Court of New York, Commercial Division against eight-figure claims of breach of contract and fraud related to the sale of generation assets.
- On behalf of global manufacturer and supplier of polymer products, secured in Delaware Chancery Court injunctive relief ceasing competitor's operations for post-acquisition breach of stock purchase agreement.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- The Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law, 2009, J.D.
  - Managing Editor, Ohio State Law Journal
- University of Minnesota, 2006, B.A., *magna cum laude*, Political Science

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio, 2009
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

Memberships

- Member, American Bar Association

Awards & Recognition

- Listed, Ohio Super Lawyers – Rising Star 2016-2019

News & Insights

- Joe Castrodale, Greg Phillips, Trevor Covey, James von der Heydt and David Pope mentioned in Law360 | "Restaurant, Payment Co. Get $52M Deal OK'd Amid Objections"
  October 30, 2023 | Media Mentions
- Covey and Kogan Join Benesch
  October 30, 2023 | Press Releases
- Benesch Names Nine New Partners in 2018
  October 30, 2023 | Press Releases
- 28 Benesch Attorneys Named 2019 Ohio Super Lawyers; 16 Named Ohio Rising Stars
  October 30, 2023 | Press Releases
- Life After Mohawk: Protecting The Privilege In Ohio
  October 30, 2023 | Contributed Content & Presentations
- Gregory J. Phillips, Nicholas J. Secco, Trevor G. Covey and James E. Von Der Heydt mentioned in Law 360 | 6th Circ. Orders Atty Fees Paid In Power Co.'s $5M Arbitration
  August 18, 2020 | Media Mentions
- Benesch COVID-19 Resource Center: Governor DeWine’s Executive Order Recommends 90 Day Protections for Tenants and Borrowers
  April 2, 2020 | Client Alerts & Insights

Speaking & Events

PAST EVENTS

- Confidentiality: I've Got a Secret - Maintaining Client Confidences in the Digital Age | Trevor G. Covey
  October 25, 2024 | Speaking Engagement
- UCC Basics | Trevor G. Covey
  October 28, 2021 | Speaking Engagement