



# Kurt F. Fernsler

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## *Services and Industries*

- Construction Law

## *Education*

- Duquesne University School of Law, J.D.
- Penn State University, B.S., Finance

## *Admissions*

- Pennsylvania
- West Virginia
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania
- U. S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
- The Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia

Kurt F. Fernsler is a shareholder attorney at Saxton & Stump, working from the firm's Pittsburgh office. He is a member of the [Construction](#) and [Construction Litigation](#) groups, bringing over 25 years of experience representing general contractors, subcontractors, and owners throughout the entire construction process. Kurt guides them through every phase, from contract negotiations and bidding to dispute resolution, both in and out of the courtroom.

He counsels clients through mechanics' liens, performance and bond payment issues, and claims related to delays, acceleration, inefficiencies, and construction defects. He represents clients in state and federal courts in Pennsylvania and West Virginia and has appeared before the Pennsylvania Board of Claims.

In addition to his construction practice, Kurt also advises clients on a range of legal matters, including general business and corporate issues, labor and employment concerns, and various real estate transactions.

An active member of the Pittsburgh community, Kurt serves as vice president of the Pennsylvania Builders Exchange, a nonprofit organization supporting the construction industry.

Kurt has earned recognition for his professional achievements, being named to the Best Lawyers in America® every year since 2013 and appearing on the Pennsylvania "Super Lawyers" list from 2010 to 2018.

He holds a law degree from Duquesne University School of Law and a bachelor's degree from Penn State University.

## ***Recognitions***

- Best Lawyers in America®
  - Construction Law, 2013-2024, 2026, 2027
  - Litigation – Construction, 2026, 2027
- Pennsylvania Super Lawyers, 2010-2018

## ***Publications***

- "Significant Changes Are Coming to the Davis-Bacon Act," *Breaking Ground* (November 2022)
- "Insurance and Bonding," *Miller Construction Guide*, co-author, CCH Incorporated, periodic updates since first published in 2003
- "Pennsylvania Construction Law: Getting Started, Getting Covered, Getting Paid," *PBI Press*, 2010, 2014

## ***Speaking Engagements***

- "Annual Construction Law Year in Review Seminar," organizer and presenter
- "Construction Law Update," Master Interior Contractors Association Annual Retreat, presenter
- "10 Drafting Tips for Construction Documents—Common Contracting Concerns of Project Participants," PBI's "A Day on Real Estate," co-presenter (March 2015)
- "Prevailing Wage Law in Pennsylvania," Lorman Education Services, co-presenter (June 18, 2010)
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### ***Professional Affiliations***

- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Allegheny County Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Builders Exchange, vice president