

FREDERICK T. BILLS



Weston Hurd Partner **FREDERICK T. BILLS** is a litigator and focuses his practice on construction litigation with an emphasis on representing and defending design professionals. He has represented construction managers, contractors, sub-contractors, architects, engineers, and suppliers in payment disputes, contract drafting, loss prevention, delay claims, and all forms of litigation and appeals. He received his B.A. *magna cum laude* from Ashland University and earned his J.D. from

The Ohio State University Michael E. Moritz College of Law. Fred gained his Ohio bar admission in 2008 and is also admitted to practice before the U.S. District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Ohio. He is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association and the Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys. Fred is certified in the American Institute of Architect's Train the Trainer program and has made presentations to design professionals on the AIA contract documents. He is counsel to the American Council of Engineering Companies of Ohio and a member of COGENCE Alliance, a partnership of owners, architects, engineers, contractors, and construction industry affiliates dedicated to producing better construction project outcomes and efficiencies. He is also the co-editor of Weston Hurd's Architects and Engineers Newsletter. Fred is dedicated to advocating on behalf of his clients. He has successfully argued matters on appeal, at trial, taken and defended numerous depositions, and represented clients in multi-million dollar mediations. He is currently developing his appellate practice, having submitted *amicus curiae* briefs to the Eighth District Court of Appeals and the Ohio Supreme Court. Recently he submitted appellate briefing and successfully presented oral argument before the Seventh District Court of Appeals in *Union Loc. Sch. Dist. v. Grae-Con Constr., Inc.*, 2019-Ohio-4877, 137 N.E.3d 122. Prior to joining Weston Hurd, Fred was an Assistant County Prosecutor with the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office where he gained invaluable experience and learned how to prepare for trial quickly and effectively. Fred resides in Columbus, and is a proud husband and father to three boys.

Representative Matters

-) Represented an architectural firm in arbitration against claims of negligence and breach of contract in the ground-up construction project for a hotel in which plaintiff was seeking judgment in excess of \$6 million from the design team and the construction team.
-) Represented an architectural firm in litigation against claims for breach of contract in project involving design and construction of roof system in which plaintiff was seeking judgment in excess of \$17 million from the design and construction team.
-) Defended architectural firm against claims asserted by a non-profit entity for violations of the Fair Housing Act's accessibility requirements seeking recovery in excess of \$5 million plus attorneys' fees.
-) Represented the general trades contractor against claims for breach of warranty and breach of contract in the ground-up construction of three elementary school buildings, in which the plaintiff was seeking recovery of more than \$7 million plus attorneys' fees.

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