

## **JOSHUA C. BERNS**



**JOSHUA BERNS** is a civil litigation attorney with experience in a wide variety of civil and commercial matters. His two primary areas of focus concern representing business owners in premise liability matters and defending litigated construction-based claims. Joshua's practice is heavily centered on representing the interests of companies from a wide variety of retail, restaurant, hospitality, and entertainment and includes all facets of protecting their interests in premise liability lawsuits. He has also represented general contractors and subcontractors in a gambit of construction and commercial-based litigation. With a seasoned litigation background, Joshua has also done considerable work in cases related to product liability, employer intentional tort, commercial leasing disputes, and insurance defense matters. Joshua also carries extensive background and understanding in appellate advocacy, arguing and winning a variety of cases throughout numerous appellate districts in the State of Ohio. Joshua received his B.A. from Kent State University where he graduated with honors. There, he also received special recognition from the 127th General Assembly of Ohio for his completion of the 2007 Kent State University Program of Intergovernmental Affairs. Joshua earned his J.D. from Capital University Law School in Columbus where he graduated *cum laude* and was an editor of the *Capital University Law Review*. Joshua was also the CALI award recipient for being ranked first in his class in legal research and writing. Joshua gained his Ohio Bar Admission in 2013. He is also admitted to practice before the U.S. District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Ohio. Joshua is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association, the Columbus Bar Association, and the Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys. He is a co-editor of Weston Hurd's annual publication "Desktop Legal Primer for Ohio Claims." Joshua lives in Columbus and is a proud husband and father of two.

### **Ohio Court of Appeals Decisions**

- *Welther v. Plageman*, 2021-Ohio-713 (Ct. App.)
- *Acheff v. Meijer, Inc.*, 2019-Ohio-2314 (Ohio Ct. App.) (premises liability and false imprisonment)
- *Davis v. Smith*, 2017-Ohio-113 (Ohio Ct. App.) (premises liability)
- *Hudson v. Flores*, 2016-Ohio-253 (Ohio Ct. App.) (respondeat superior and vicarious liability)
- *Pickens v. Kroger Co.*, 2014 Ohio App. LEXIS 4695 (Ohio Ct. App., Franklin County Oct. 30, 2014) (premises liability)

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