

# Richard L. Bain

OF COUNSEL

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With nearly four decades of legal and public service experience, Richard Bain brings a strategic, solutions-oriented approach to resolving complex business disputes. Known for his ability to quickly identify core issues and craft practical resolutions, Richard represents business owners, employers, landlords, and medical professionals in matters involving commercial, construction, real estate, and employment law.

Richard is highly regarded for his tactical insight, professionalism, and ability to navigate high-stakes negotiations and litigation both in and out of the courtroom. His clients value his deep understanding of the law, his mastery of the facts, and his persuasive advocacy.

## Practice Areas

Business & Corporate  
Civil & Commercial  
Litigation

## Education

J.D., cum laude, Case  
Western Reserve

University School of Law  
B.A., Miami University

## Credentials

Admitted to practice in the  
U.S. Supreme Court, U.S.  
Court of Appeals, Sixth  
Circuit, U.S. District  
Courts, Northern and  
Southern Districts of Ohio,  
and all Ohio state courts

Member, Cleveland  
Metropolitan Bar  
Association

| Matters   | Details  |
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| <b>Receivership Counsel</b>                                   | Directed sales and redevelopment of failed suburban mall; recovered assets and distributed proceeds in a fraudulent pain management business; sold secured real estate and gas pipeline assets for a national bank |
| <b>Committee Representation – FirstEnergy Solutions Corp.</b> | Advocated for committee member interests in largest Chapter 11 case pending in Northern District of Ohio   |
| <b>Eminent Domain Defense</b>                                 | Blocked undervalued foreclosure sale; secured multimillion-dollar settlement from Ohio Department of Transportation  |
| <b>Shareholder/Fiduciary Dispute Defense</b>                  | Successfully defended ownership and duty claims in steel mill litigation   |
| <b>Construction Law Counsel</b>                               | Represents stakeholders (owners, contractors, architects, engineers) in design-build and contract disputes including AIA terms and mechanic's liens  |
| <b>Insurance Coverage Disputes</b>                            | Defended against performance bond claims and bad faith allegations; advised on carrier recovery rights   |

**Professional and Civic Engagement:**

In addition to his legal practice, Richard is deeply involved in public service and civic leadership:

- Member, LawPact®
- Mayor, City of Pepper Pike, 2012–Present
- President and Executive Board Member, Cuyahoga County Mayors and Managers Association
- Chairperson, Suburban Water Regional Council of Governments
- Board Member and Civil Rights Committee Co-Chair, Anti-Defamation League (Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia, Western Pennsylvania)
- Executive Board Member, Cuyahoga County Emergency Services Advisory Board
- Advocacy Committee Member, Greater Cleveland Food Bank
- Trustee, Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Inc.
- Member and Past President, Valley Enforcement Regional Council of Governments (VERCOG)

**Recognition and Honors:**

- Kindland Award, Values-in-Action Foundation, 2023
- Ohio Super Lawyers®, 2015–2024
- AV Preeminent® rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- Best Lawyers in America®, Litigation – Construction, 2020-2021
- Best Lawyer®, U.S. News, 2017
- Leading Lawyer, Inside Business, 2010
- Leadership Cleveland, Class of 2017

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