

Ronald P. Friedberg

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Ron Friedberg is a seasoned business litigator and trial attorney with a focus on resolving complex disputes across construction, surety, contract, real estate, and employment sectors. With extensive experience in both federal and state courts throughout Ohio – as well as in mediation and arbitration – Ron represents a wide range of clients, including contractors, insurers, architects, property developers, and financial institutions.

Whether advocating for plaintiffs or defending businesses, Ron's unwavering commitment is to secure favorable outcomes through pragmatic strategy, precise communication, and relentless preparation. His sharp analysis and creative problem-solving consistently help clients minimize risks and maximize recovery

Results

Defended surety in federal multidistrict litigation involving \$100M+ in bond claims tied to a sub-prime lease Ponzi scheme

Represented asphalt subcontractor in claims against ODOT for productivity losses on highway repaving project

Defended architect against municipal claims over solid waste facility design

Successfully resolved contract disputes for commercial property lessees, IT consulting firms, and metal fabricators

Advocated for luxury homeowners in litigation over flood zone construction errors

Protected trade secrets, enforced purchase options, and defended non-compete claims for both individuals and companies

Practice Areas

Surety & Insurance
Civil & Commercial
Litigation
Construction
Creditors' Rights &
Bankruptcy

Education

B.B.A., high distinction,
University of Michigan

J.D., magna cum laude,
Case Western Reserve
University School of Law

Credentials

Member, Cleveland
Metropolitan Bar
Association, Litigation
Section

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

Presentations and Thought Leadership:

Ron has been a frequent presenter for legal and industry groups, sharing insights on:

- Contract drafting pitfalls
- Trade secret protection
- Legal audits and year-end planning
- Roofing liability in construction law

Publications include:

- DRI For the Defense: “Pay if Paid” clauses and contract enforcement
- ABA TIPS: “Subcontractor Nuts & Bolts,” Roofing in surety litigation
- Miscellaneous Surety Bonds: Analysis of fringe benefit bond enforcement

Professional and Civic Engagement:

- Member, LawPact®
- American Bar Association, Fidelity and Surety Law Committee, Forum on Construction
- Steering Committee Member, Defense Research Institute, Fidelity and Surety Law
- Past President, Park Synagogue Men’s Club
- Former Regional Board Member, Anti-Defamation League

Recognition and Honors:

- Ohio Super Lawyer®, 2019–2023
- AV Preeminent® rated by Martindale-Hubbell

When not in the courtroom, Ron recharges through yoga, skiing, live music, and mystery novels—often with family or friends poolside or cheering on his hometown Cleveland teams.