



A.J. Hensel

Partner

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A.J. Hensel has represented individuals, businesses, and local municipalities in civil litigation, risk mitigation, and policy initiatives, and has in-depth litigation experience in both state and federal courts. He focuses his practice in the areas of complex commercial litigation and business law, OSHA litigation, and trade secret protection/litigation.

A.J. is a dedicated problem-solver who cares and knows how to utilize and leverage all available assets to help clients achieve their goals and objectives. He is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, as well as a former U.S. Army officer and decorated veteran who was recognized for his exemplary leadership in combat during Operation Iraqi Freedom II, including the Bronze Star and Meritorious Service Medal.

Education

- United States Military Academy (B.S., 2001)
 - Law Field of Study
- The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law (J.D., 2009)

Admissions

- Ohio
- United States District Court - Northern District of Ohio
- United States District Court - Southern District of Ohio
- United States District Court - Western District of Michigan
- Supreme Court of Ohio
- United States Court of Appeals - Sixth Circuit

Professional Affiliations

- Member, U.S. Military Service Academy Nominations Review Board
- Board of Directors, Federal Bar Association (Columbus)
- Member and Executive Board Officer, West Point Alumni Society of Central Ohio

Services & Industries

- Commercial Litigation
- Construction
- Electronic Discovery (e-discovery)
- Litigation
- Products Liability
- Risk & Crisis Management

- Member, Ohio State Bar Association Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee
- Member, Columbus Bar Association
- Member, Nationwide Children's Hospital Development Board Rock n' Bowl Committee

Awards & Honors

- *Columbus CEO's Top Lawyers List*, Construction Law and Litigation – Commercial, Construction, 2024-2025
- Ohio *Super Lawyers*®, Civil Litigation: Defense, Business Litigation, Construction Litigation: Business, General Litigation, 2020-2026
- Ohio *Super Lawyers*®, Top 50: 2025 Columbus *Super Lawyers*; Top 100: 2025 Ohio *Super Lawyers*, 2025
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®: Commercial Litigation (2021-2026; Construction Law (2020-2026); Litigation-Construction (2021-2026); Military Law (2022-2023, 2025-2026); Litigation-Municipal (2026); Trade Secrets Law (2026)
- 40 Under 40 Honoree, *Columbus Business First*, 2018
- Ohio *Super Lawyers*® Rising Stars, 2013-2019

Community Involvement

- Coach, Upward Basketball, Dublin Youth Soccer League, Football Fanatics Flag Football

Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, "Columbus Leaderboard Luncheon Roundtable," Columbus Business First, November 2022
- Speaker, "Anatomy of a Trade Secret Case: Practice Pointers and Tips for Both Plaintiffs and Defendant," September 2015