



Christopher C. Dahl

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Christopher C. Dahl concentrates his practice on general litigation, particularly with respect to business, financial and construction matters.

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Mr. Dahl has represented a wide range of businesses and professionals in complex civil litigation matters, including commercial disputes, disputes among shareholders, and personal injury and wrongful death cases. He also has extensive experience in defending municipalities and their officers — particularly law enforcement officers — from civil rights claims under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, state constitutional law, and tort law. In this area, Mr. Dahl has developed a strong track record of resolving cases early and favorably by dispositive pretrial motion or negotiated dismissal, and has also taken such cases to trial by jury.

Mr. Dahl also represents businesses and individuals in administrative licensing matters and disciplinary actions, particularly before the Maryland Board of Physicians and the Maryland Consumer Protection Division. Mr. Dahl helps his clients to negotiate resolutions with agencies and licensing boards or, if necessary, defends them in administrative hearings.

In the construction arena, Mr. Dahl represents owners, general contractors and subcontractors before state and federal courts, and before arbitration panels, in contract disputes, payment disputes and construction defect cases.

Mr. Dahl has been honored as an outstanding litigator by *Maryland Super Lawyers*, which named him a Maryland Rising Star in its 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020 editions.

Representative Matters

General and Commercial Litigation

- Defended a Maryland property manager and owners of ten residential rental communities in a 31-day hearing (conducted entirely remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic) from administrative charges brought by the Consumer Protection Division of the Maryland Office of the Attorney General.
- Successfully briefed and argued appeal in personal injury case to the Maryland Court of Appeals, resulting in the leading opinion on the interpretation of Section 14-410 of the Maryland Health Occupations Article, a Maryland statute concerning the admissibility of a medical expert witness's licensing disciplinary history.
- Defended a Maryland physician, as second-chair trial counsel, in a hotly contested eight-day administrative hearing brought by the Maryland Board of Physicians, resulting in a dismissal of all charges against the physician.
- Successfully defended the majority shareholder of a corporate defendant in commercial litigation pending as a shareholder derivative suit involving complex questions of personal jurisdiction and sufficiency of international service under the Hague Service Convention.
- Following a six-day trial, disproved and prevailed on all charges, other than self-reported misconduct, in defense of the medical license of a physician accused of sexual misconduct involving allegations from coworkers and former patients.

Municipal Liability and Civil Rights Defense

- Obtained summary judgment for a police officer alleged to have injured a Baltimore resident during the 2015 uprising in Baltimore City, Maryland.
- Obtained dismissal of all claims against a federal agent accused of fabrication and destruction of evidence in a federal criminal investigation.
- Secured a voluntary dismissal, following discovery, in favor of a police officer alleged to have wrongfully arrested a journalist during the 2015 uprising in Baltimore City, Maryland.
- Obtained a partial victory, following a jury trial in Baltimore City, Maryland, in defense of two police officers involved in the nonfatal shooting and tasing of a motorist during a traffic stop.
- Secured dismissal of a highly publicized putative class action lawsuit in federal court asserting claims under the Equal Protection Clause against a county. After discovery, reached a settlement on the sole remaining individual claim brought by the would-be class representative for less than the remaining defense costs.

Construction Litigation

- Defended, as a member of a multi-attorney trial team, an international engineering firm from design-defect claims brought by a political subdivision alleging more than \$65 million in compensatory and punitive damages.
- Obtained partial summary judgment on Miller Act bond claim on behalf of a general contractor and surety.



Professional Honors & Activities

Community Services

- Springboard Community Services
 - Board of Directors
- The Children's Guild
 - Board of Directors, Past Member
 - Strategic Planning and Assessment Committee

Honoraries

- Listed as a Maryland Rising Star, Business Litigation (2015); General Litigation (2016 – 2020)
- Named a *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* for Commercial Litigation, Construction Litigation, and Banking and Finance Litigation (2021 – 2023)



Publications

- "A Victory for Qualified Immunity. A Trend to Continue?" (November 2021)



Education

- University of Maryland School of Law, J.D., 2010, summa cum laude
 - Order of the Coif
 - *Maryland Law Review*, Executive Symposium/Articles Editor, 2009 – 2010; Staff, 2008 – 2009
 - Moot Court Board
 - 2010 Roger Howell Achievement Award
 - 2010 John L. Thomas Prize
 - 2010 University of Maryland School of Law Litigation and Advocacy Award
 - 2009 Judge Simon E. Sobeloff Prize for Outstanding Achievement in Constitutional Law
- College of William and Mary, B.A., 2001



Admissions

- Maryland
- U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland

- U.S. Tax Court