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Richard J. Silk, Jr. is a principal of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C. He concentrates his practice in the areas of construction law, professional liability, transportation law, railroad law, product liability, premises liability, and the food and beverage industry.

Before joining the firm, Mr. Silk served as Assistant Attorney General for the Ohio Attorney General's Court of Claims Defense Section, Construction Litigation Group. Matters involved complex and construction litigation, including jury and bench trials, managing extensive hard copy and electronic discovery, mediations and negotiations, and appellate briefing and oral arguments. Additionally, he counseled state entities and public universities concerning construction, transactional, risk management, employment, insurance, and surety-related issues. Mr. Silk was also in private practice, focusing on construction, labor and employment, regulatory, political subdivision, environmental, insurance coverage, and bad faith litigation.

Practice Focus

- Construction Law
- Food and Beverage Industry
- Product Liability
- Professional Liability Defense
- Railroad Law, Litigation and Regulatory Counsel
- Transportation Law

Professional Accomplishments

- Profiled in Feature Article, *Ohio Super Lawyers – Rising Stars* Edition, August 2005
- Included in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

Representative Matters

- Member of trial team that won a \$2.14 million jury verdict for a product liability claim against an international manufacturing company, plus an additional \$1.3 million in prejudgment interest
- Multiple defense verdicts

Speaking Engagements

- Various presentations related to strategies for drafting pleadings and written discovery, as well as insurance coverage issues; also presented to multiple state wildlife divisions concerning migration of hybrid fish species and genetic introgression

Publications

- *Nonbinding Dispute Resolution Processes in Fisheries Conflicts: Fish Out of Water?*, 16 Ohio State J. Disp. Res. 791 (2001)
- Various quarterly and annual publications for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' Division of Wildlife

Admissions and Licenses

- Indiana Bar Admission
- Ohio Bar Admission
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

Memberships

- Defense Research Institute
- Ohio State Bar Association

Community Involvement

- Ronald McDonald House Volunteer at Nationwide Children's Hospital
- St. Joan of Arc Men's Club

Education

- The Ohio State University, M.S. (2001), Evolution, Ecology and Organismal Biology
- The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, J.D. (2000); *Journal on Dispute Resolution* (Articles Editor and Symposium Editor)
- The Ohio State University, B.A. (1996), Zoology