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Ben is one of TT&H's three managing partners and a member of its Executive Committee. He is based out of the firm's Washington, DC office where he personally represents clients in a variety of high exposure, complex and/or sensitive disputes throughout the Mid-Atlantic region, while managing a team of over two dozen legal professionals who handle disputes of all types, shapes and sizes.

Ben is the former President and a current Board Member of the DC Defense Lawyers' Association, which is the preeminent professional organization for defense lawyers in Washington, DC.

In 2022, the Defense Research Instituted awarded Ben an Exceptional Performance Citation "for having supported and improved the standards and education of the defense bar, and for having contributed to the improvement of the administration of justice in the public interest."

Before joining the firm, Ben clerked for the Honorable Robert A. Zarnoch and the Honorable James R. Eyler on Maryland's Court of Special Appeals.

Cases illustrating the results Ben achieves for his clients include the following:

Hancock v. Mayor of Baltimore, 2021 Md. App. LEXIS 879 (Oct. 1, 2021) *aff'd* by 2022 Md. LEXIS 326 (Aug. 15, 2022) (obtained dismissal of a wrongful death case)

Rouhi v. Kettler, 2020 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 111160 (D. Md. Jun. 24, 2020) *aff'd* by 2020 U.S. App. LEXIS 39960 (4th Cir. Dec. 21, 2020) (obtained dismissal of tenant's lawsuit against property manager)

Nat'l Surety Corp. v. K&C Framing, Inc., 2018 Md. App. LEXIS 358 (April 17, 2018), *cert. denied* Nat'l Surety Corp. v. K&C Framing, Inc., (Md. Aug. 21, 2018) (obtained summary judgment on behalf of contractor in multi-million dollar construction defect case)

All Class Construction, LLC v. Mutual Benefit Insurance Company, 3 F. Supp. 3d 409 (D. Md. 2014) (obtained dismissal in insurance coverage and lack of good faith case)

Katopothis v. Windsor-Mount Joy Mutual Ins. Co., 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 205717 (D.D.C. Nov. 12, 2014), 211 F. Supp. 3d 1 (D.D.C. 2016) *eventually aff'd* through 95 F.3d 661 (D.C. Cir. 2018), 897 F.3d 291 (D.C. Cir. 2018), and 2018 U.S. App. LEXIS 23795 (D.C. Cir. Aug 16, 2018) (obtained summary judgment for insurer in insurance coverage case)

Cabrera v. Western Express, Inc., 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 132241 (D. Md. Sept. 14, 2012) *aff'd* by 520 Fed. Appx. 210 (4th Cir. 2013) (obtained summary judgment for defendant in rear-end accident case)

Charter Oak Fire Ins. Co. v. Marlow Liquors, LLC, 908 F. Supp. 2d 673 (D. Md. 2012) (obtained sanctions for spoliation in fire loss case)

**Practice Areas:**

General Liability, Subrogation, and Construction, Surety & Design Professionals

**Education:**

University of Maryland School of Law, J.D.

Honors:

Journal of Business & Technology Law, Editor in Chief

Moot Court Board

National Trial Team

Order of the Barristers

William P. Cunningham Award

Bethany College, B.A.

**Bar Admissions:**

Maryland

District of Columbia

Virginia

U.S. District Court, District of Maryland

U.S. District Court, District of Columbia

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia

**Professional Associations and Memberships:**

Defense Research Institute

Maryland Defense Counsel, Inc.

National Association of Subrogation Professionals

DC Defense Lawyers Association- Board of Directors (Past President, 2022)

**Professional Honors and Awards:**

Super Lawyers, Rising Star: 2013 – 2017

Defense Research Institute – “Exceptional Performance Citation”