



## Nicholas R. Pitre

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Nicholas Pitre concentrates his practice in construction, commercial and tort litigation, and legal ethics.

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He practices primarily in the area of construction law, and has extensive experience in commercial and tort litigation and legal ethics. Nicholas previously served as a judicial extern to Chief Judge Sarah Vance of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

### Representative Matters

- Defending international engineering firm in multiple homeowner and contractor lawsuits arising from a sewer upgrade program encompassing more than 100 individual construction projects totaling over \$1 billion.
- Obtained seven-figure settlement in favor of EPC contractor against pipe supplier and pipe manufacturer arising from manufacturing defects.
- Successfully protested public bid awards on behalf of contractor clients.
- Assisted client with engineering firm licensing issues in multiple states.
- Regularly assists clients with Public and Private Works Act claim and lien issues, including successfully obtaining cancellation of Private Works Act liens.
- Obtained favorable settlement for a general contractor against an owner in a commercial construction dispute.
- Represented a subcontractor in federal court trial of its \$2 million claim against the prime contractor under the Miller Act and the prime contractor's approximate \$2 million counterclaim. Negotiated a settlement in excess of the prime contractor's pre-trial settlement offer after the second day of the three-day trial.
- Represented an electrical supplier in an arbitration in which the general contractor claimed the supplier breached its contract. Negotiated a favorable settlement following arbitration.

### Professional Honors & Activities

- Listed in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* for Commercial Litigation and Construction Law (2021 – 2024)
- Member – Louisiana State Bar Association
- Member – American Bar Association
  - Forum on Construction Law
- Member – 22nd JDC Bar Association

### Publications

- Co-author – "Construction Laws and Customs: Louisiana," *Practical Law* (February 2023)
- Co-author – "Construction Laws and Customs: Louisiana State Q&A," *Practical Law* (2020)
- Co-author – "Construction Laws and Customs: Louisiana State Q&A," *Practical Law* (2019)
- Co-author – "Construction Law Update: Case Law & Legislation Affecting the Construction Industry," *ABA Forum on Construction Law*, Tenth Edition (2015 – 2016)



## Education

- Tulane University Law School, J.D., 2012, summa cum laude
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  - Managing Editor, *Tulane Law Review*
- Louisiana State University, B.S. (Finance), 2008, magna cum laude



## Admissions

- Louisiana, 2012
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, 2012
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Louisiana, 2012