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

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

- Named a *Best Lawyers in America*® "Ones to Watch" in Commercial Litigation and Construction Litigation (2021, 2022)
- 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 State Q&A," *Practical Law* (2020)
- Co-author – "Construction Laws and Customs: Louisiana State Q&A," *Practical Law* (2019)
- Co-author – "New Louisiana Law Requires Public Entities to Pay Interest on Late Payments to Contractors" (June 2018)
- Co-author – "Louisiana First Circuit Holds that Private Works Act Surety Cannot Raise Pay-if-Paid Defense " (January 2018)

- 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