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Zachary "Zach" Gilreath is an associate in Baker Donelson's Baltimore office and a member of the Construction Group.

Zach Gilreath handles a wide variety of litigation, particularly with respect to business and construction matters.

As a member of the Construction Group, Zach assists clients in disputes arising throughout the construction process, including matters involving contract interpretation and breach, as well as project delays and disruption. He has assisted clients through all stages of dispute resolution, including mediation, arbitration, and litigation before trial courts and administrative agencies.

Zach has also represented a broad range of businesses in complex civil litigation matters, including commercial disputes pertaining to corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships, and non-profit entities. In this area, he has developed a track record of resolving cases early and favorably through the dispositive motions process and resolution discussions.

Zach has defended and advocated for his clients in depositions, motions hearings, and trials in numerous state and federal courts. He also has experience handling appellate matters stemming from both trial court and administrative agency decisions, and he has briefed issues before the Appellate Court of Maryland and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

He has been recognized by *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* for Construction Law; Litigation - Construction; Commercial Litigation; Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants; and Product Liability Litigation - Defendants. Additionally, Zach has been selected to Maryland Rising Stars in Insurance Coverage and Construction Litigation.

Prior to joining Baker Donelson, Zach served as a judicial clerk for the Honorable Michael W. Reed at the Appellate Court of Maryland. He was later an associate at a mid-sized civil litigation defense firm in Baltimore.

Representative Matters

- Represented a national construction contractor in effectively mediating and resolving a multimillion-dollar claim for contract damages brought by a property owner.
- Successfully defended a breach of lease claim brought against a tenant by asserting defenses relating to the landlord's wrongful termination and failure to provide proper notice.
- Assisted a non-party consulting firm in responding to a subpoena duces tecum in a construction lawsuit. Advised the firm regarding document production, witness preparation, and deposition matters.
- Represented a Maryland construction contractor in a lawsuit against its subcontractor arising from the subcontractor's failure to pay its laborers prevailing wages and fringe benefits. As a result of this failure, the state government assessed fines and penalties against the contractor. Following trial, the court awarded damages, costs, and attorneys' fees to the contractor.



Professional Honors & Activities

- Listed in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* for Litigation - Construction; Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2024 – 2026); Construction Law and Commercial Litigation (2026)
- Selected to Maryland Rising Stars (2024 – 2026)
- Member – Bar Association of Baltimore City
 - Co-Chair – YLD Mentorship Committee (2021 – 2023)
- Member – American Bar Association
- Member – Maryland State Bar Association



Publications

- "The Culprit of the Great Recession: A Detailed Explanation of Mortgage-Backed Securities, Their Impact on the 2008 Financial Crisis, and the Legal Aftermath," *Journal of Business & Technology Law* 13:2 (April 2018)



Education

- Baylor University School of Law, LL.M. – Litigation Management, 2022
- University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, J.D., 2018
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, B.A., 2015



Admissions

- Maryland, 2018
- District of Columbia, 2022
- U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland, 2021
- U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, 2021