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Nick Wehlen is an experienced trial and appellate attorney who advises clients in complex commercial litigation and professional liability disputes.

Mr. Wehlen is an experienced trial lawyer whose practice focuses on complex commercial litigation, professional liability, and appellate matters. He represents businesses, insurers, and professionals in state and federal courts nationwide, guiding clients through high-stakes disputes with a practical, results-oriented approach.

Mr. Wehlen's commercial litigation practice spans breach of contract, construction, business torts, and complex liability disputes. He has significant trial and arbitration experience and is frequently involved at the earliest stages of litigation, helping clients assess risk, shape strategy, and pursue efficient resolutions. His experience includes insurance coverage and bad faith litigation.

Mr. Wehlen also has a robust appellate practice, representing clients in state and federal courts at all stages of appeal. He handles briefing, oral argument, and writ proceedings, and works closely with trial teams before judgment and during pre- and post-trial motion practice to preserve key issues and position matters for appellate success.

Representative Matters

- Represented a law firm in a fee dispute on appeal before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.
- Represented a nursing home defendant as post-trial and appellate counsel.
- Represented a major manufacturer of computer equipment in a breach of contract and unfair trade practices action involving claims exceeding \$1 billion, plus punitive damages, filed in the Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans, Louisiana.
- Successfully defended arbitration claims against managers and members of a Louisiana LLC.
- Successfully represented a bank in litigating bad faith claims against an insurance company that declined to defend covered claims.
- Successfully represented a bank in defending numerous cases arising from a Ponzi scheme operated by an unaffiliated third party.
- Represented parties in construction and lien matters, including construction companies and public entities.

Professional Honors & Activities

- Member – New Orleans Bar Association Board of Directors
- Member – Local Rules Committee for the Eastern District of Louisiana
- Member – Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit
- Member – Louisiana State Bar Association
- Selected to Louisiana Super Lawyers for Business Litigation (2020 – 2025)
- Listed in *Chambers USA* as a leading Litigation: Appellate lawyer in Louisiana (2025)

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Commercial Litigation, Legal Malpractice Law – Defendants, Litigation – Bankruptcy, Litigation – Construction, and Litigation – Securities (2021 – 2026)
- Named the Best Lawyers® 2025 Litigation – Securities "Lawyer of the Year" in New Orleans
- Selected to Louisiana Rising Stars by Super Lawyers (2012 – 2018)
- Recognized as a "Top Lawyer" by *New Orleans Magazine* (2013 – 2025)
- Selected as a *New Orleans CityBusiness* Leadership in Law Honoree (2025)



Publications

- Co-author – "Securities Arbitration Law," chapter in *Recent Developments in Business and Corporate Litigation*, published annually by the American Bar Association (2015 – 2018)
- "Unscheduled Debtor Assets: A Risk to Purchasers in Good Faith?," American Bar Association Section of Real Property, Trust and Estate Law, *RPTE eReport* (June 2010)



Speaking Engagements

- Co-presenter – "Appellate Strategy Begins Early: Guiding the Company from Trial through Appeal," Association of Corporate Counsel, Louisiana Chapter (October 2025)
- "Expert Witnesses Staying in their Lane as the World and Generative AI Evolve," Forensic Expert Witness Association's 2025 National Expert Witness Conference
- "The Appellate Era: Be a Better Briefer," New Orleans Bar Association Bench Conference (2025)
- "When Experts Step Over the Ethical Line in Litigation & Arbitration," American Bar Association Business Law Section Spring Meeting (2024)
- "The Power of Professionalism: Wisdom from Wittmann," New Orleans Bar Association (2024)
- "A Discussion of Recent Damages Jurisprudence," New Orleans Bar Association Bench Bar Conference (2024)
- "Writ Practice," New Orleans Bar Association (2022)
- "Standards of Review," Louisiana State Bar Association's Advanced Appellate Practice Seminar (2022)



Education

- Paul M. Herbert Law Center at Louisiana State University, J.D., 2004
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- Louisiana State University, 2001



Admissions

- Louisiana, 2004
- United States Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- Louisiana State and Federal Courts
- Texas, 2021