

BENJAMIN W. WRIGHT

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EDUCATION

Capital University, Law School <i>Legum Magister in Business and Taxation</i>	Columbus, Ohio September 2014
University of Illinois, College of Law <i>Juris Doctor, pro bono</i>	Urbana, Illinois May 2010
University of Illinois, College of Business <i>Masters of Business Administration</i>	Urbana, Illinois May 2010
University of Illinois, College of Engineering <i>Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering</i>	Urbana, Illinois May 1998

EXPERIENCE

The Law Office of Wright & Associates, LLC <i>Lawyer (Owner)</i> • Represented clients in business, construction, insurance coverage and fire litigation • Led a team of three lawyers and support staff.	Columbus, Ohio November 2014 – Present
Gallagher, Gams, Pryor, Tallan & Littrell L.L.P. <i>Associate Lawyer</i> • Conducted several trials; argued 6 appeals; deposed over 100 witnesses; litigated hundreds of cases	Columbus, Ohio August 2010 – November 2014
Wright and Associates, Inc. <i>Project Supervisor</i> • Supervised tradesmen in multi-million dollar construction and renovation projects	Metamora, Illinois May 2006 – August 2006
2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry, 173rd Airborne Brigade, U.S. Army <i>Company Commander, Captain</i> • “Military Governor” of an area in Zabul Province, Afghanistan approximately the size of Connecticut • Led a 186 person Rifle Company, 476 man Afghan Battalion, and 200 man Afghan Police Force • Coordinated construction of infrastructure, reinstitution of government, schools and investment • Orchestrated a \$1.2 million annual operational budget; responsible for over \$13 million in property • Transitioned Nawbahar District (similar to a county) to Afghan control • Conducted parliamentary elections without incident <i>Assistant Operations Officer, Captain</i> • Planned and executed combat operations for a 700 person Airborne Infantry Battalion in combat • Prepared and assisted briefing Congressional delegations, UN delegations and senior officials <i>Logistics Officer, Captain</i> • Deployed a 600 person battalion to Iraq, Afghanistan, Kosovo and Germany via sea, air and ground • Managed an annual budget in excess of \$1.3 million and the maintenance of the battalion’s equipment • Planned and executed all combat support operations	Iraq, Afghanistan and Italy July 2005 – May 2006 July 2004 – July 2005 January 2002 – July 2004
1st Battalion, 8th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division, U.S. Army <i>Executive Officer, Lieutenant</i> • Second in command of a Mechanized Infantry Company of 305 soldiers • Managed the maintenance of 120 vehicles and accountable for \$45 million of property <i>Platoon Leader, Lieutenant</i> (approx. 60 hours per week) • Led, trained and cared for 57 person Support Platoon and 32 person Rifle Platoon	Colorado Springs, Colorado July 2000 – January 2002
1st Battalion, 506th Infantry, 2nd Infantry Division, U.S. Army <i>Platoon Leader, Lieutenant</i> • Led, trained and cared for a 19 person Reconnaissance and 32 person Rifle Platoon • Maintained and accounted for \$1.9 million worth of equipment	Republic of Korea May 1998 – July 2000

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PUBLICATIONS & LEGISLATION

- Benjamin Wright, *The Potential Repercussions of Denying Disabled Veterans the Freedom to Hire an Attorney*, 19 FED. CIR. B. J. 433 (March 2010) (also published in 6 NAT'L. ACAD. ELDER L. ATTYS. J. 203 (Fall 2010) and 4 NAT'L. ACAD. ELDER L. ATTYS. STUDENT J. 1 (December 2009); 10 citing references)
- Assisted in drafting the Veterans and Servicemembers Court Treatment Act (730 ILL. COMP. STAT. 167 (2010))
- Paul Lansing & Benjamin Wright, *Putting the Identity Back Into Identity Theft: A Proposal for a More Complete State Solution to Non-Financial Identity Theft*, 4 PRIV. & DATA SEC. L.J. 611 (July 2009)

AWARDS, ADMISSIONS, LICENSES & CERTIFICATION

- United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio (2012)
- Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals (2011)
- United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio (2011)
- Ohio State Bar (2010)
- Rickert Award for Excellence in Legal Writing (2010)
- H. H. Harris Scholarship (2010)
- *Pro bono* degree notation (2010)
- Winner of the Paralyzed Veterans of America National Writing Competition (2009)
- Winner of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys National Writing Competition (2009)
- CALI Excellence for the Future Award, The Contemporary American Jury (Awarded to the student with the highest score in a course, 2009)
- Moot Court (2008, 2009)
- Honors, Legal Research (2007)
- Academic Council (2006)
- Hazardous Material Transportation Certifier (2001)
- Professional Engineer Intern License, Illinois License No. 061-028508 (1998)
- Secret Security Clearance (1998)
- Reserve Officers' Training Corps Federal Scholarship (1995-1998)
- Eagle Scout (1992)

MILITARY COMMENDATIONS & QUALIFICATIONS

- Meritorious Unit Commendation (2006)
- Purple Heart Medal (2005)
- Jumpmaster (2004)
- Summary Court Martial Officer (2004)
- Bronze Star Medal (2003)
- Combat Infantryman Badge (2003)
- Bronze Combat Device for Parachutist Badge (2003)
- Pathfinder Badge (2002)
- Infantry Officers' Advanced Course, Commandant's List (2002)
- Expert Infantryman Badge (2001)
- Army Commendation Medals (2000, 2001)
- Ranger Tab (1999)
- Parachutist Badge (1995)

MEMBERSHIPS & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- University of Illinois Alumni Association (Life Member)
- Veterans of Foreign Wars (Life Member)
- Athletic Club of Columbus (2012 - 2014)
- Ohio Task Force on Criminal Justice and Mental Illness, Veterans Courts and Military Affairs Subcommittee (2012)
- German Village Society (2011 - Present)
- Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys (2010 - Present)
- Hoover Sailing Club (2010 - Present)
- American Bar Association (2010 - Present)
- Columbus Bar Association (2010 - Present)
- Ohio State Bar Association (2010 - Present)
- Illinois Military and Veterans Court Task Force (2009)
- National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (2009)
- American Legion (2003)

LANGUAGE

- Italian (Conversational)

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

Trials

- *Johnson v. Sowers*, Franklin County Ct. Com. Pleas, Case No. 12CV14577 (defended disputed negligence automobile accident case, unanimous defense verdict)
- *Van Johnson Construction, et al. v. Homrich Corporation, et al.*, Fairfield County Ct. Com. Pleas, Case No. 12CV1041 (assisted in the prosecution of a breach of contract case, verdict for plaintiffs)
- *Wade Snively Family Trust v. State Farm Mut. Life Ins. Co. et al.*, Stark County Ct. Com. Pleas, Case No. 09CV2142 (assisted in the defense of insurer and agent, unanimous defense verdict)
- *Flaum v. Latham*, Franklin County Ct. Com. Pleas, Case No. 06CV4868 (assisted in the prosecution of a legal malpractice third party complaint, settled during trial)
- *Elaine Anadell, Executor v. Office of the Ohio Public Defender, et al.*, Ohio Ct. Cl., Case No. 2010-06966 (assisted in the prosecution of a breach of contract case)

Appellate Litigation

- *Miller v. Mangan*, 2013 WL 3231433 (Ohio Ct. App., 10th Dist., June 25, 2013) (represented Appellee in a case where a go-cart struck a truck, oral argument, affirmed)
- *McQueen v. Perry*, 2012 WL 5986662 (Ohio Ct. App., 10th Dist., Nov. 29, 2012) (represented Appellee in a case where a jaywalking pedestrian struck a truck, oral argument)
- *Braun v. Indep. Taxi Cab Assn. of Columbus, Inc.*, 2011 WL 5873386 (Ohio Ct. App., 10th Dist., Nov. 22, 2011) (represented Appellee in dispute with employee, affirmed)
- *Royal Paper Stock Co. v. Robinson*, 2013 WL 1286698 (Ohio Ct. App., 10th Dist., Mar. 28, 2013) (represented Cross-Appellant in a case where Cross-Appellant was accused of setting fire to property, oral argument, remanded, pending)
- *Bircher v. Durosko*, Ohio Ct. App., 5th Dist., Case No. 2013-CA-62 (represented Appellee where Appellant appealed an order to compel production of documents, remanded, pending)
- *Pryor v. City of Bexley*, Franklin County Mun. Ct., Case No. 11EVA60229 (represented landowner Appellant in administrative appeal from municipal zoning decision, oral argument, settled on appeal)

Construction Litigation

- *Easton Communities v. Slate Rock v. L&W Construction et al.*, Franklin County Ct. Com. Pleas, Case No. 09CV1462 (defended sub-contractor in construction litigation, settled at mediation)
- *The Villas at Sherman Bluff Condominium Assn., Inc. v. Berry & Miller Construction, Inc., et al.*, Fairfield County Ct. Com. Pleas, Case No. 11CV1138 (assisted in the defense of general contractor and its insurer and assisted in the prosecution of the case against the sub-contractors)

Complex Litigation

- *Foor v. The City of Cleveland*, N.D. Ohio, Case No. 1-12-CV-01754 (prosecuted class action for unlawfully collected traffic fines)
- *McCartney v. Camcar, Inc., et al.*, Franklin County Ct. Com. Pleas, Case No. 12CV10961 (defended insurer in a class action lawsuit where plaintiff alleged unlawful towing fees, settled at mediation)

Insurance Coverage

- *Ferrell v. Nixon*, Hocking County Ct. Com. Pleas, Case No. 10CV210 (prosecuted uninsured motorist coverage case, settled)