

Chase A. Horne

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Service Areas:

- Appellate
- Background Screening
- Construction
- Environmental
- Labor & Employment Relations
- Litigation
- Natural Resources, Mining & Energy
- Personal Injury
- Real Estate, Land Use & Construction

Education:

- J.D., *cum laude,* University of Wisconsin Law School
- B.A., *cum laude,* Wake Forest University

Admissions:

- Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan

Chase Horne is a litigator and business advisor who represents businesses, contractors, fiduciaries, and agricultural clients in complex disputes, contract matters, and business negotiations. With more than a decade at DeWitt LLP, Chase practices primarily in commercial litigation, construction law, shareholder disputes, fiduciary litigation, and personal injury matters in state and federal courts throughout Wisconsin.

A significant part of Chase's practice involves helping clients navigate disputes and business decisions where legal strategy, financial considerations, and long-term relationships intersect. He works with clients to assess risk, negotiate practical resolutions, and develop strategies aligned with their operational and business goals. Clients value Chase's ability to explain complex issues clearly, keep stakeholders informed throughout the process, and apply practical, business-focused judgment.

Although Chase works to resolve disputes efficiently whenever possible, he also has meaningful trial experience in complex business litigation. His experience includes week-long jury trials involving trademark infringement claims and business disputes, as well as litigation involving construction contracts, shareholder issues, and fiduciary matters.

In addition to his litigation practice, Chase advises businesses and individuals on a range of contract, negotiation, and operational matters. His litigation background helps clients identify potential risks early and structure agreements to anticipate future disputes. His experience includes advising general contractors and subcontractors on commercial construction agreements, negotiating intellectual property licensing arrangements, and assisting agricultural clients with disputes over crop agreements and related business matters.

Chase also maintains an active estate, trust, and fiduciary litigation practice, representing fiduciaries, beneficiaries, and family-owned businesses in disputes over trust administration, fiduciary duties, undue influence, trust construction, and contested estates.

Outside of private practice, Chase serves as Town Attorney for a Wisconsin municipality, advising local officials on governance, land use, regulatory matters, and municipal disputes. That role further demonstrates his ability to work with multiple stakeholders, balance competing interests, and provide practical counsel on complex issues.

Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Community Around The Children's Hospital - CATCH
- Dane County Bar Association
- Junior Achievement of Wisconsin
- Middleton Outreach Ministry - MOM
- United Way of Dane County

Awards & Recognitions

- Bruce Beilfuss Memorial Scholarship for outstanding service to the University of Wisconsin Law School
- Wisconsin Rising Stars® (Civil Litigation) – 2018-2019

Notable Representations

- Obtaining a multimillion-dollar settlement in contested personal injury action involving defective over-the-road trucking equipment
- Successfully obtained a complete defense verdict following a six-day jury trial in a multimillion-dollar business and contractual dispute where his clients were also awarded attorneys' fees for a civil theft counterclaim
- Successfully represented a general contractor's defense in a contentious municipal bid award under Wisconsin's public bidding statutes
- Represented nationwide company with business and shareholder disputes in obtaining a favorable interpretation of client-purchase and deferred compensation agreements
- Representation of a concentrated animal feeding operation (CAFO) in Wisconsin throughout the permitting process at both the local and state level