



Nicholas E. McGuire

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Nicholas McGuire concentrates his practice in the areas of commercial real estate and complex business litigation. He serves as counsel in a wide variety of sophisticated commercial disputes, handling multimillion-dollar claims brought by or against large commercial real estate developers, landlords, contractors and brokerage firms. His primary focus is in the DC metro area, but he has experience litigating in state and federal courts throughout the United States.

Creative solutions resolve disputes more effectively than protracted litigation

Nicholas deals with disputes over lease violations, easements, restrictive covenants and other land use rights. He also handles claims related to construction defects, hidden conditions, scheduling delays and more. Other cases involve intracompany control, management and profit-sharing issues, as well as problems relating to regulatory obligations. But whatever the dispute, Nicholas avoids litigation whenever possible to minimize risk and maximize return for his clients. Of course, when litigation is necessary, he fights at trial to obtain the best possible judgment for his client.

In addition to their litigation work, Nicholas and his team have developed a niche practice on behalf of real estate developers contemplating redevelopments. This involves conducting a comprehensive analysis of a property's leases, easements, restrictive covenants, and other controlling agreements and restrictions in order to come up with forward-looking solutions. These may be modification agreements with tenants or liability waivers. The goal though is always the same — to minimize the risk of litigation arising from any development down the road.

Prior to joining the firm, Nicholas served as a law clerk to the Honorable Natalia M. Combs Greene of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. While in law school, he served as a staff member on the Administrative Law Review and as a student attorney in the Janet R. Spragens Federal Tax Clinic.

Practices

- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation
- Real Estate
- Real Estate Development
- Real Estate Litigation

Industries

- Construction

Education

- JD, American University Washington College of Law
- BS, Cornell University

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- New York
- Virginia

Community Involvements

- American Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association

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Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Best Lawyers in America*
 - Ones to Watch
 - Commercial Litigation, 2026
 - Litigation - Construction, 2026

News

- Katten's Rising Leaders Named to 2026 *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® List (August 21, 2025)
- Katten Designated "Law Firm of the Year" in Litigation – Real Estate By *U.S. News – Best Lawyers'* "Best Law Firms" 2023 (November 3, 2022)
- Katten Names New Partners (July 26, 2022)