

# Cyrus E. Cheslak

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Cyrus is a dedicated, hands-on problem-solver who meets his client's needs and guides them to successful outcomes in a wide range of civil litigation and construction matters.

As a member of Verrill's litigation and construction groups, Cyrus uses his research and writing skills and his background in politics to provide thoughtful, methodical, and pragmatic representation to a variety of clients, from large corporations to individuals, tailoring his approach to meet the case and client's needs. Cyrus advocates for clients in arbitration, mediation, and state and federal court, from pre-trial through appellate stages, as well as before state commissions, boards, and panels. Cyrus supports his construction clients from bids and contract negotiation and drafting through jury verdict, including conducting risk assessment and management, strategizing claims avoidance, construction defects analysis, and advising on insurance and indemnity issues to provide a full suite of cost-effective legal services for construction projects large and small.

During law school, Cyrus was a student attorney for the Cumberland County District Attorney's Office and Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic, and a judicial expert to the Honorable Kermit V. Lipez of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. He also served as a teaching assistant for the Legal Research & Writing Program and tutored first-year law students. Cyrus was also the Head Case Note & Comment Editor of the *Maine Law Review* and competed on Maine Law's Trial Competition and Moot Court Teams. After graduating *magna cum laude* from the University of Maine School of Law, Cyrus clerked for the Honorable Thomas E. Humphrey of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court, where he continued to hone his research and writing skills in an appellate setting.

Prior to law school, Cyrus was an aide to United States Senator Susan M. Collins in Washington D.C., where he worked on a variety of legislative matters including health care, agriculture, and nutrition policy, and managed the office's administrative operations. Cyrus maintains a strong interest in the legislative and regulatory fields.

## Services/Industries

- Litigation & Trial
- Business & Commercial Disputes
- Health Care Litigation
- Construction
- Construction Litigation

Cyrus now lives in with his family and dog, where he enjoys hosting backyard barbeques, visiting Maine's famed breweries, and hiking and exploring Maine's natural beauty with his kids.

## **Education**

- University of Maine School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*)
  - Head Case Note & Comment Editor - Maine Law Review
- Franklin & Marshall College (B.A.)

## **Bar Admissions**

- Maine
- Massachusetts

## **Memberships**

- Maine State Bar Association
- Tri-State Defense Lawyers Association
- Cumberland Bar Association, Member

## **Honors**

- Best Brief, *Craven Moot Court Competition*
- Faculty Significant Achievement Award
- Named *New England Super Lawyers*© Rising Stars list under Civil Litigation: Defense

## **Clerkships**

- Maine Supreme Judicial Court, Justice Humphrey

## **Court and Other Admissions**

- U.S. District Court for the District of Maine