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OVERVIEW

Angela offers clients strategic, zealous advocacy in commercial litigation matters, with a special focus on construction disputes.

Angela divides her practice between construction and general commercial litigation matters. Her work regularly includes premises liability defense for a national retail chain; property management, commercial evictions, and real estate disputes; and construction defect litigation. She is the firm's go-to attorney for any eviction case, and she regularly represents owners, contractors, and subcontractors in disputes involving allegations of breach of contract, incomplete work, project delays, and construction defects.

While the majority of Angela's construction cases center on commercial properties, she also represents homeowners in litigation involving home renovations. Angela is extensively experienced with and well-versed in Wisconsin's Home Improvements Practices Act, which significantly increases the damages available to the state's homeowners in lawsuits against contractors. She recently tried a case to verdict with an argument hinging on interpretation of this act, achieving a \$1.5 million verdict in favor of the homeowner. Angela also draws on her experience litigating this law to advise contractors and subcontractors on avoiding costly violations.

Known for her combination of zealous, aggressive advocacy and strategy, Angela approaches every piece of a case with the client's overall needs and strategy in mind. She particularly excels at oral advocacy and thrives in the courtroom, obtaining victories for clients at all levels of litigation, including motion hearings, summary judgment, motions to

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dismiss, and appeals. Angela also understands how stressful court can be for a client, and she serves as both a guide and an advocate so that clients can focus on their businesses.

Angela also leads Husch Blackwell's LGBTQ Employee Resource Group, HB Pride, as part of the firm's diversity and inclusion efforts.

Experience

- Filed amicus brief before the U.S. Supreme Court – most recently in *Bostock v. Clayton County* and *R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Homes v. EEOC*, related cases asking whether Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits employment discrimination based on sexual orientation or transgender status.
- Represented Wisconsin homeowner in \$60,000 construction lien dispute resulting from defective remodeling work. Case centered on ATCP 110.01.2m of the Home Improvement Practices Act, with the Husch Blackwell team arguing for a new interpretation of the definition of "total price." The \$60,000 lien was converted into a \$1.5 million verdict obtained for the client after an eight-day bench trial; case currently on appeal with the Wisconsin Court of Appeals.

Recognition

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*
 - Commercial Litigation, 2021-2025
 - Litigation - Real Estate, 2021-2025
- Wisconsin Access to Justice Commission, Wisconsin Pro Bono Honor Society, 2020

Education

- J.D., Marquette University Law School
 - Wagner National Labor and Employment Moot Court, lead oralist, second-best brief and semifinalist
 - Marquette Pro Bono Society
- B.A., Carthage College
 - Political Science and Spanish
 - Lincoln Scholar

Admissions

- Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin

Community Leadership

Angela is on the Board of Directors for Milwaukee's Cream City Foundation, which seeks to advance the human rights and respond to the needs of LGBTQ+ people in Southeastern Wisconsin. Angela is also one of the founding members of the organization's LGBTQ+ Scholarship program, which assists LGBTQ youth in affording college and related academic endeavors.

She is an active member of the LGBT Bar Association of Wisconsin's Board of Directors. The LGBT Bar is involved in Wisconsin's LGBTQ legal community and seeks to provide opportunities for education, advancement and networking for its members.



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