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Education

- J.D., University of Maryland School of Law
- B.A., Double Major: Economics & Political Science, University of Maryland, *cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Maryland
- U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

Bar Associations

- Maryland State Bar Association
- District of Columbia Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Maryland Trial Lawyers Association

Practice Areas

- Casualty Group
- Employment Law, Municipal & Public Entity
- Healthcare & Catastrophic & Excess Loss
- Construction Accident/Construction Defect
- Professional Liability
- Transportation/Trucking

Representative Cases

- Friedler v. Cole, 2005 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 2994 (D. Md. 2005) (commercial litigation)
- McDonald v. Landrum, 48 F. Supp. 2d 450 (D. Del. 1999) (personal injury/diversity)
- Telos Corp. v. Hamot, 2018 Md. App. LEXIS 1089
- Hamot v. Telos Corp, 185 Md. App. 352 (2009)
- Cunningham v. Baltimore Cty., 246 Md. App. 630 (2020)

Profile

Leslie "Les" David Hershfield is an Of Counsel with Marks, O'Neill, O'Brien, Doherty & Kelly. Les is admitted to practice in Maryland and Washington, D.C.

Les graduated from the University of Maryland, *cum laude*, with bachelors' degrees in Economics and Political Science. He then graduated from the University of Maryland School of Law.

Prior to joining Marks O'Neill, Les maintained a diverse and growing litigation and business law practice focusing on a broad spectrum of legal issues, including cases dealing with wrongful death, survivorship and personal injuries, breach of contract and business torts, real estate law and other complex civil litigation. He regularly counsels individuals and regional and national businesses concerning these legal issues, appears frequently in state and federal courts across Maryland jurisdictions, and is well respected for his ability to aggressively resolve, and if necessary, litigate legal disputes in a cost-efficient manner for his clients.

Recently, Les has litigated a variety of challenging legal issues, including representing employees involved in various disputes concerning non-competition clauses and trade secrets claims, representing an individual alleged to have participated in a multi-million dollar real estate conspiracy and fraud, 1983 actions in both state and federal court and negotiating significant settlements in several wrongful death and serious personal injury cases. He has tried numerous jury and non-jury cases to verdict in state and federal courts, and has extensive experience in trying cases before arbitration tribunals such as JAMS. Les recently won a verdict in excess of \$32 Million Dollars in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County.

Les has been AV rated by Martindale Hubbell since 2004 and is regularly named a Maryland "Super Lawyer" in the category of business litigation by Maryland Super Lawyer Magazine, and is also a member of the Million Dollar Club.