
CARL J. SPINDLER**AREAS OF PRACTICE**

Carl Spindler is a practiced problem solver with a focus on construction industry litigation, government contracting, and insurance coverage disputes. He has tried cases to juries and judges and is experienced in all phases of litigation, including preparing witnesses for trial and taking depositions. Carl has also negotiated and drafted multimillion-dollar commercial and government contracts on behalf of government agencies, owners, and contractors. Construction insurance coverage actions have involved builders' risk, excess insurance policies, and takeover agreements.

Prior to joining DFL Legal, Carl served as an active-duty officer in the U.S. Marine Corps, where he specialized in prosecuting complex special-victims cases and advising senior leaders on matters of law, policy, and strategy. Carl continues to serve in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, where his experiences include leading a team of highly skilled Marines, negotiating, drafting, and managing government contracts, and planning and executing information and civil operations in support of Marine Forces Special Operations Command (MARSOC) in Syria and Iraq.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Associate with Dingess, Foster, Luciana, Davidson & Chleboski LLP, 2018 - Present

U.S. Marine Corps Reserve

- Civil Affairs Team Leader, December 2018 - August 2020, June 2021 - Present
- Deployed Counsel and Director of Information and Civil Operations, Syria and Iraq, August 2020 - June 2021

U.S. Marine Corps

- Prosecutor, Parris Island, SC, December 2014 - June 2017, May 2018 - December 2018
- General Counsel, Romania, June 2017 - May 2018
- Assistant Prosecutor, Twentynine Palms, CA, Summer 2011

PROFESSIONAL/CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania – Veterans Court Mentor and Pro Bono Counsel
- Leadership Pittsburgh – Community Leadership Course for Veterans VIII
- Allegheny County Bar Association – Military and Veterans Affairs Committee Co-Chair
- Allegheny County Housing Court – Pro Bono Mediator and Arbitrator

COURT ADMISSIONS

- Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
- Supreme Court of Minnesota
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces
- *Pro Hac Vice* Admission to courts throughout the United States

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

- Pennsylvania
- Minnesota

EDUCATION

Naval Justice School, U.S. Marine Corps, 2014

Graduated with honors from the Navy and Marine Corps' legal services, military justice, and trial advocacy school.

The Basic School, U.S. Marine Corps, 2014

Graduated in the top five percent from the Basic Officer Course, which emphasizes leadership, integrity, training, and responsibilities of Marine rifle platoon commanders.

J.D., *magna cum laude*, University of Minnesota Law School, 2013

Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, First Place Rocky Mountain Region and International Round Qualifier.

B.S., University Honors, Carnegie Mellon University, 2010

Major: Ethics, History, and Public Policy; Minor: Business Administration
Varsity Track & Field and Rugby

CIVIL REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS

- Counsel for a public utility company in a multimillion-dollar insurance coverage dispute stemming from a horizontal directional drilling and PVC pipeline installation under the Kiawah River, South Carolina. The matter involved concurrent disputes in federal court and arbitration between the owner, general contractor, and two insurance providers over whether primary coverage was available under the owner's "comprehensive all-risk" or the contractor's "builder's risk" insurance coverage.
- Represented a public transportation authority in connection with the surety's takeover of multiple contracts in accordance with performance bonds after contractor defaulted on several large-scale, public works projects in Boston, Massachusetts.
- Counsel for a general contractor in a state court action and mechanic's lien claim against the owner in connection with the construction of a natural gas compression facility in Wetzel County, West Virginia. The general contractor sought the unpaid contract balance, delay, impact, and inefficiency costs related to erosion and sediment control issues on the site and a time extension for the owner-caused delay. The dispute also involved similar claims by certain subcontractors.
- Prepared a design-build contract on behalf of an Ohio-based, international appliance manufacturer to renovate the owner's corporate property.
- Pro bono counsel for the plaintiff in a civil rights action under 42 U.S. Code § 1983 in federal court resulting in favorable settlement after extensive discovery, involving numerous depositions of senior Pennsylvania Department of Corrections leadership.

MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS

- Negotiated, drafted, and managed more than \$17.3 million in supply and services contracts on behalf of the U.S. Government in Syria and Iraq. This included preparing commercial language and statements of work to meet U.S. forces' requirements in a combat zone as well as supervising, coordinating, and evaluating multinational contractors and vendors to ensure timely contract compliance. To accomplish these tasks, Carl led a contracting team spread across Iraq, Syria, and Kuwait to understand and articulate clients' requirements, navigate budgetary constraints, and execute the contracts.
- Directly managed multiple planning groups to shape complex issues for military commanders, including leading a multinational effort to develop a strategy for the rehabilitation of ISIS-affiliated children in Syria.
- Served as the general counsel to a commanding officer responsible for more than 1,200 Marines. Advised on fiscal law matters, investigations, sexual harassment and assault allegations, employee relations, and international agreements involving countries in Europe and the Middle East.
- Prosecuted 28 felony and 32 misdemeanor cases, including attempted murder, rape, sexual assault, child exploitation, fraud, drug distribution, larceny, and conspiracy.