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Taylor Essner is a skilled litigator who helps clients navigate complex disputes in construction, commercial, and products liability matters with strategic focus and industry-specific insight.

Taylor practices in the Litigation Department at Lewis Rice, focusing on construction law, commercial litigation, products liability, and class actions. He has successfully represented contractors and project owners in high-stakes lawsuits and arbitrations, managed complex multi-party litigation, and advised clients on risk mitigation strategies to help avoid costly disputes.

Taylor's work spans a variety of industries, including construction, manufacturing, agriculture, energy, and healthcare. He has handled cases and arbitrations involving construction defects, delay and disruption claims, mechanic's liens, contract disputes, defective products and parts, and catastrophic personal injuries.

Taylor was selected for inclusion in the *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers "Rising Stars"* list for 2023-2025.

Education

- Saint Louis University School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2017)
 - 1843 Scholar
 - Order of the Woolsack
 - Academic Excellence Award for Highest Grade in Legal Research and Writing, Federal Courts, Antitrust Law, Secured Transactions, and others
 - Editor, *Saint Louis University Law Journal*
- Saint Louis University (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2014)
 - Economics, Philosophy
 - Provost Scholar; Pre-law Scholar
 - Alpha Sigma Nu Jesuit Honor Society

Services

- Complex Litigation
- Construction Law
- Products Liability
- Labor & Employment
- Class Action

- Chaplain, Sigma Phi Epsilon

Legal Background

- Judicial extern, Hon. Henry E. Autrey, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri (Fall 2016)
- Summer associate, Lewis Rice LLC (2016)
- Intern, U.S. Attorney's Office, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri (2015)

Admissions

- Missouri Bar
- Illinois Bar

Charitable & Civic Involvement

- Member, Missouri Athletic Club
- Member, St. Louis Sports Commission Associates