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Andrew L. Smith is a Partner in the Cincinnati office of Rolfes Henry Co., LPA, who concentrates his practice in the areas of insurance defense, construction law, and bad faith litigation. He has extensive experience in state and federal courts in Ohio and throughout the country, and is licensed to practice in both Ohio and Kentucky. He is a CLM Certified Litigation Management Professional.

By way of background, Andrew was the valedictorian of Genoa Area High School. As the first person to attend college in his family, he received his Bachelor of Science degree in economics from Bowling Green State University, summa cum laude, in 2007 at age 20. He then obtained his Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Law in 2010 at age 23.

Growing up in northwest Ohio, his passion and intrigue for the construction industry stems from his family ties. His father is a lifelong construction worker, with experience operating all kinds of machinery, as well as working in stone quarries. His uncle was the founder of a family masonry company. Other members of his family work as electricians, carpenters, and operators at a nuclear power plant. His small-town upbringing instilled the importance of building long-term trust and relationships with clients.

Andrew is an active member and participant of the Construction and Insurance Law Committees for the Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys (OACTA), Defense Research Institute (DRI), and Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM). He is the CLM Southwest Ohio Chapter President and a member of the CLM Construction Claims Magazine Board. He is involved with the Education Committee and Safety Committee for Allied Construction Industries (ACI) and the Home Builders Association of Greater Cincinnati. He is the creator of the AGC of Ohio construction law blog, *Between the Law and a Hard Hat*. Andrew is also the co-host of *BearcatsSportsRadio.com* and an avid promoter of the University of Cincinnati athletics programs.