



# Nicholas Berenato

## Associate

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### Practice Areas

- CODISCOVER (eDiscovery)

### Education

- Rutgers University School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2019
- James Madison University, B.A., 2016

### Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania

Nick focuses his practice on information governance and electronic discovery in the construction, higher education, financial services, antitrust, government investigations, white-collar, insurance defense, and health care and life sciences industries. Though Nick's practice spans multiple industries, Nick places a particular emphasis on electronic discovery in the construction industry. Nick assists clients with complex and high-profile eDiscovery projects and navigates data and privacy protection laws. Nick implements quality control procedures to mitigate risk and counsels both clients and colleagues on issues related to eDiscovery, information governance, and data management.

Before joining CODISCOVER, Nick was an associate attorney in Cozen O'Connor's construction group. There, he counseled and represented project owners, real estate developers, contractors, and design professionals and positioned multiple cases for favorable resolution.

While in law school, Nick was a summer associate at the firm in 2018. He was a judicial extern for the Honorable Ann Marie Donio, United States Magistrate Judge, for the District of New Jersey. Nick also interned for the Honorable Nelson Johnson and the Honorable Bernard E. DeLury in Atlantic County, NJ.

Nick earned his bachelor's degree in history from James Madison University. He earned his law degree, *magna cum laude*, from Rutgers Law School, where he was the Business Editor of *Rutgers University Law Review*. Upon graduation, Nick was elected to the Order of the Coif.

## Experience

Successfully represented a Fortune 100 midstream energy company (joint venture) in defense of claims of more than \$100 million by a pipeline contractor arising from the construction of the 700-mile Rover natural gas pipeline through Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, and Michigan. After a 9-day trial in Harris County, Texas, the court awarded the contractor only \$1.1 million of \$63.1 million in breach of contract damages and denied all other tort and quasi-contract claims. The court then awarded the client \$13.7 million on its counterclaims for breach of contract, as well as attorneys' fees and costs. *U.S. Pipeline, Inc. v. Rover Pipeline LLC*, 333rd Judicial District of Harris County, Texas, No. 2018-39920.

Successfully represented a mid-Atlantic natural gas company in the defense of approximately \$20 million in claims asserted by a pipeline contractor in a private arbitration culminating in 10 days of hearings.

Secured a favorable settlement, after filing multiple mechanics' lien claims on behalf of a subcontractor relating to the construction of a major shopping center in a Philadelphia suburb.

Secured a favorable settlement, after substantial litigation, on behalf of a subcontractor relating to the renovation of a shopping mall in a Philadelphia suburb.

Negotiated and drafted agreements with various construction consultants on behalf of a niche real estate developer operating throughout the Southeastern United States.

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