

PRACTICE AREA

Constitutional Law

Trusted counsel for constitutional litigation, legislation, and appellate advocacy in Arkansas and beyond.

Friday, Eldredge & Clark has extensive experience representing clients in constitutional matters before the Arkansas Supreme Court, federal courts, and the Supreme Court of the United States. Our attorneys are trusted advisors to public entities, private businesses, and industry organizations on the constitutionality of legislation, regulatory initiatives, bond issuances, education funding, property rights, and tort reform. We not only defend clients in constitutional challenges but also assist in drafting legislation and constitutional amendments that withstand judicial scrutiny. With decades of involvement in shaping Arkansas constitutional law, particularly in areas such as public finance, education, gaming, and economic development, we provide strategic counsel that protects our clients' interests and influences statewide policy outcomes.

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SUMMARY

- Strategic Constitutional Advocacy:** Representation before state and federal courts, including the Arkansas Supreme Court and the U.S. Supreme Court.
- Legislative Guidance & Policy Development:** Advising clients and lawmakers on drafting legislation and constitutional amendments that will withstand legal challenges.
- Protection of Client Rights:** Defending clients in matters involving education, taxation, property rights, tort reform, and economic regulation.
- Experience Across Industries:** Representing government entities, school districts, financial institutions, and private businesses in high-impact constitutional cases.
- Influential Track Record:** Proven history of shaping Arkansas constitutional law through landmark litigation and legislative involvement.

Meet the Team

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Experience

Our firm has drafted legislation and collaborated with various parties to ensure that appropriate constitutional amendments were drafted.

For example, when non-bank retail merchants and consumer lenders in Arkansas sought relief from the state's usury law cap and subsequent exemptions made to it, commercial banks in the state faced significant legal disadvantages. Our lawyers brokered a compromise, resulting in a state constitutional amendment that relieves interest caps on consumer loans and government bonds without harming the state's commercial lending environment.

Bond Legislation

We have written much of the bond legislation in Arkansas for the last 40 years. We have handled numerous lawsuits before the Arkansas Supreme Court, testing the constitutionality of various legislative acts. Examples of Supreme Court cases include *Wayland v. Snapp*, 232 Ark. 57, 334 S.W.2d 633 (1960), which successfully tested Arkansas's industrial development revenue bond statute, and *Pulaski County v. Jacuzzi Bros. Div.*, 332 Ark. 91, 964 S.W. 2d 788 (1998), the most recent case upholding our industrial development revenue bond statute.