

THOMAS J. VITALE

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PRACTICES

Banking and Finance Law

Business Law

Commercial Litigation

Construction Design Law

Construction Law

Construction Litigation

Entity Formation and Governance

Family-Owned Business Law

Real Estate Law

EDUCATION

University of Michigan (B.A., 2007)

Michigan State University College of Law (J.D., cum
laude, 2010)

SENIOR COUNSEL

Thomas J. Vitale has a wide range of experience representing clients in both state and federal courts. He focuses his practice on the construction, manufacturing and real estate industries.

Tom has:

Represented national and local construction companies throughout Michigan.

Managed civil litigation involving non-competition agreements, business tort claims, disputes under the UCC, automotive supply chain disputes and tooling disputes.

Handled matters for community banks, credit unions, municipal and quasi-municipal authorities in lender's rights actions, including workout, banking litigation and collection.

In construction and real estate litigation matters, Tom has successfully resolved matters for owners, real estate developers, general contractors, subcontractors and suppliers. He also serves as external general counsel to a variety of small to mid-size businesses, family-owned businesses, and agribusinesses, and has experience handling transactional matters in construction, automotive and agricultural areas, including supply agreements, commercial transactions, construction contracting, real estate development, financing and commercial leasing.

ADMITTED

State Bar of Michigan, 2010

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan

U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan

U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Michigan

U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Michigan

NOTEWORTHY

2023 Go To Lawyer for Construction Law - Michigan Lawyers Weekly

Listed in The Best Lawyers in America® - Commercial Litigation and Litigation (2021-2024), Real Estate (2023, 2024)

Listed as a Michigan Super Lawyers "Rising Star" (2017-2023) - Construction Litigation

Listed as Grand Rapids Magazine "Top Lawyer" - Construction Law (2022)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

State Bar of Michigan

Grand Rapids Bar Association

Free Enterprise Alliance

Associated Builders and Contractors of Michigan, Board of Directors

Construction Financial Management Association, Western Michigan Chapter

COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

Leadership Detroit Class XXXVI

The Salvation Army, Grand Rapids Advisory Board

Festival of the Arts, Board of Directors

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Kotz Sangster Wysocki P.C. (2010 - 2019)