

MATTHEW L. WIKANDER

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PRACTICES

Personal Injury and Wrongful Death
Employment Litigation Defense
Plaintiff's Contingency Cases: Business & Employment
Product Liability
Transportation & No-Fault Law
Commercial Litigation

EDUCATION

University of Michigan (B.A., 2001)
Wayne State University (J.D., 2004)
Vice Chancellor, Wayne State Moot Court Program
Member, Sports and Entertainment Law Society

“When we file lawsuits for our clients it is only because there is a dispute and we believe our clients deserve justice. We make our client's dispute our own - we take it personally - and we look forward to the day when we can present our client's case to a jury.”

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Matt is a trial lawyer practicing primarily in the areas of employment, commercial, and personal injury matters. He has trial and litigation experience in both federal and state courts across the state of Michigan.

Matt devotes the majority of his practice to helping individuals and families who have catastrophic injuries and wrongful death claims. Matt's experience includes vehicular, airplane, premises, and construction accidents.

Additionally, Matt serves a variety of businesses and individuals in commercial disputes, such as employment discrimination, trade secret, wrongful advertising, and other unfair trade practice claims. He also has experience handling class action matters. Matt often works with his clients under alternative billing arrangements.

Whether Matt is representing individuals or businesses, he maintains a genuine and passionate dedication to his clients and their interests.

In his spare time, he enjoys the outdoors and playing sports. He is an avid fan of the Detroit Tigers, Lions, Red Wings, and Pistons, and of course, his beloved Michigan Wolverines.

ADMITTED

State Bar of Michigan, 2004
U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan, 2004
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, 2014
U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, 2009

NOTEWORTHY

Listed in the "Grand Rapids 200" as one of the most powerful business leaders in West Michigan by Grand Rapids Business Journal (2019-2023)
Listed as a "Rising Star" in Michigan Super Lawyers (2013-2018) -- Personal Injury Plaintiff: General
Listed as a "Local Litigation Star" in Benchmark Litigation (2013-2015, 2021) -- Personal Injury, Wrongful Death Litigation, Securities (2021)
Listed in The Best Lawyers in America® (2019-2024) -- Commercial Litigation, Product Liability Litigation - Plaintiffs
Listed as a "Michigan Super Lawyer" (2020, 2022) -- Personal Injury - General: Plaintiff
Listed as Grand Rapids Magazine "Top Lawyer" (2019- 2022) - Personal Injury
Selected as an "Up and Coming Lawyer" by Michigan Lawyers Weekly (2012)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

State Bar of Michigan
Federal Bar Association - Western Michigan Chapter
American Bar Association
Lawyer Pilots Bar Association
Grand Rapids Bar Association
American Inns of Court
The Historical Society of the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan

COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

Advisory Board Member, The University of Michigan Club of Grand Rapids
University of Michigan Alumni Association and Victors Club
West Michigan Sports Commission (Member, Board of Directors)
Sigma Chi West Michigan Alumni Chapter

PUBLICATIONS

"Daubert and the Soft Sciences: Can a Forensic Economist Ever Make it Past the Gatekeeper?," FDCC Quarterly, 2006
"Heavy Hauling 'Permits' and Ways to Avoid Problems Down the Road — Documentation! Documentation! Documentation!," The Pool Cue, Michigan County Road Commission Self-Insurance Pool, August 2007

PRESENTATIONS

"Aviation Crash Litigation," presented at the NALS Region 3 Summer Meeting, June 2011
Panel speaker, ABA Law Student Division 6th Circuit 2010 Spring Meeting, Thomas M. Cooley Law School