

# PHILIP A. GRASHOFF JR.

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## PRACTICES

Agriculture and Agribusiness Law  
Appellate Litigation  
Commercial Litigation  
Environmental Law  
Insurance Coverage and Litigation

## EDUCATION

University of Michigan (B.A., 1966)  
Wayne State University (J.D., cum laude, 1972)

## ATTORNEY OF COUNSEL

Philip A. Grashoff, Jr. is one of Michigan's most experienced and respected environmental attorneys as evidenced by his inclusion in "The Best Lawyers in America" for Environmental Law and Environmental Litigation for more than 30 years. He has also been included in other annual listings, such as "Super Lawyers," "DBusiness Top Lawyers," "Leading Lawyers" and "America's Most Honored Lawyers." He has received an AV Preeminent Judicial Rating by Martindale-Hubbell, the highest honor by his peers and the Judiciary for over 30 years.

In his environmental practice, Phil provides counsel and assistance with complex environmental issues, including:

- Facility compliance and permitting
- Land use issues
- Statutory and regulatory compliance governing land, water, solid and hazardous waste
- Environmental issues arising out of real estate transactions, mergers and acquisitions, due diligence
- Groundwater and soil remediation, wetlands regulation and mitigation, water issues, asbestos
- Environmental litigation including defending against CERCLA and RCRA claims, prosecuting and defending toxic and mass tort actions, asserting claims on behalf of the insured for environmental insurance coverage
- State, federal and local administrative, regulatory issues and litigation
- Landfill permitting and regulation

## ADMITTED

All Michigan State Courts, 1972

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, 1972

U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan, 1990

U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, 1976

U.S. Supreme Court, 1982

Phil also practices natural resources and mining law, having represented several foreign mining companies involved in developing mining projects in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Additionally, he serves as outside counsel for the world's largest brewer, distiller and vintner, representing and/or overseeing significant environmental litigation, product liability, and handling specialized assignments throughout North America.

Phil brings his expertise to agriculture, agribusiness and the food processing industry sectors. He joins a group of attorneys in the delivery of legal services to the agricultural community which includes litigation, real estate, labor, environment and energy, succession planning, insurance and construction law, among others.

He has been appointed as a facilitator for environmental cases by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan and is a member of the Voluntary Facilitative Mediation Panel for the United States District - Court for the Western District of Michigan and is certified as a civil facilitative mediator in Kent and Oakland County Circuit Courts.

Phil has also represented clients in administrative hearings, local, state and federal trial and appellate courts, including the United States District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan, the United States 6th Circuit Court of Appeals and the United State Supreme Court. He is also a former registered lobbyist with the State of Michigan.

Phil is a former Special Assistant Attorney General in connection with the Flint Water Litigation.

## NOTEWORTHY

Martindale-Hubbell, Rated AV-Preeminent, listed for over 30 years, 2023 Judicial Edition; 2023 Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers

Listed in The Best Lawyers in America® - Michigan, Environmental Law, Litigation - Environmental (1991-2024)

Super Lawyers (2006-2011, 2015-2021)

DBusiness Top Lawyers, Environmental Law (2014-2019)

Leading Lawyers, Environmental Law, Land Use, Zoning Law, Mineral & Natural Resources Law (2014-2022)

Lawyers of Distinction (2020, 2021)

America's Most Honored Lawyers (Top 1%) (2020)

Top Lawyers in the Midwest (2021)

2021 Top Rated Litigator

Grand Rapids Business Journal, Newsmaker of the Year Nomination - Food Category: Southwest & West Michigan AgriBusiness Alliance (2016)

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

State Bar of Michigan, Environmental Law Section, Program Committee Chairperson, Council Member, 1982-1985; Secretary/Treasurer, 1986-1987; Chairman, 1988-1989; Real Property Law Section; Agriculture Law Section



Grand Rapids Bar Association, former Member and Chairperson, Environmental Committee

American Bar Association, Member, Sections on Environmental Energy and Resources and Real Property, Trust and Estate Law, Member; CERCLA Committee, former Vice Chairperson; Contaminated Property Committee

Oakland County Bar Association, Member, Energy, Sustainability and Environmental Law Committee

Michigan Association of Environmental Professionals, Former Member

Michigan Chamber of Commerce, former Chairperson of Program Committee and Present member of Energy and Environmental Quality Committee

Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, Environmental Affairs Committee, former Member

Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce, former Vice Chairperson, former Chairperson of Public Policy and Government Affairs Committee; former Chairperson and current member of Infrastructure & Natural Resources Committee, formerly the Environmental Affairs Committee.

Michigan Waste Industries Association, former Member

Michigan AG Business Association

Michigan Food Processors Association

## COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

U. of D. Jesuit High School, former member - Alumni Advisory Board

University of Michigan, Phi Delta Theta Alumni Association, Past President and Director

University of Michigan, Men's Football Experience, former Committee Co-Chair

Michigan Medicine, Department of Urology Friends Committee, Chairman