

# JOHN R. OOSTEMA

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## PRACTICES

Accounting Malpractice Defense  
Appellate Law  
Commercial Litigation  
Insurance Coverage and Litigation  
Legal Malpractice Defense  
Product Liability  
Professional Liability Defense

## EDUCATION

Thomas M. Cooley Law School (J.D., 1976)  
Calvin College (B.A., 1973)

## ATTORNEY

For over 35 years, John (Jack) Oostema's practice has focused primarily on representing lawyers in legal malpractice actions and on insurance coverage matters related to professional liability insurance. He has represented attorneys, law firms, and insurance carriers nationwide.

He has served as National Coverage Counsel for a prominent professional liability carrier that writes coverage for lawyers in over 40 states. In addition to regularly representing many of the largest firms in the state, Jack has also represented the State Bar of Michigan in connection with litigation challenging the constitutionality of the Character and Fitness review process.

Recently, as part of its 50-state survey of legal malpractice law, Jack was asked by the American Bar Association's Professional Liability Committee of the Litigation Section to author the Michigan chapter on legal malpractice law.

A native of Grand Rapids, Jack is married to Gloria. They have two sons, J. Adam and Andrew, and a daughter, Megan.

## ADMITTED

U.S. Supreme Court, 1984  
6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, 1982  
State Bar of Michigan, 1976

## NOTEWORTHY

Included in the 2009-2024 editions of The Best Lawyers in America® for Legal Malpractice Law - Defendants, Insurance Law, Litigation - Insurance, and Professional Malpractice Law - Defendants

Selected to the 2006-2022 Michigan Super Lawyers list for Insurance Coverage and Professional Liability-Defense

2021-2022 Top Lawyer for Legal Malpractice Law by Grand Rapids Magazine

2019 and 2022 Top Lawyer for Insurance Law by Grand Rapids Magazine

Named a 2010-2015 and 2021 Local Litigation Star for Insurance Litigation by Benchmark Litigation

Named the Best Lawyers® 2021 Professional Malpractice Law - Defendants "Lawyer of the Year" in Grand Rapids

Named the Best Lawyers® 2020 Litigation Insurance "Lawyer of the Year" in Grand Rapids

Listed in 2014 edition of Leading Lawyers magazine for Commercial Litigation, Insurance, Insurance Coverage & Reinsurance Law, and Professional Malpractice Defense: Legal/Technical/Financial

Named the Best Lawyers® 2013 Legal Malpractice Law - Defendants "Lawyer of the Year" in Grand Rapids

Named a 2012 leading Michigan attorney in general commercial litigation by Chambers USA

2010 Leaders in the Law honoree by Michigan Lawyers Weekly

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association

Defense Research Institute

The Federal Bar Association

Grand Rapids Bar Association, Chairperson of the Judicial Candidate Review Committee

Michigan Defense Trial Counsel

Professional Responsibility Counselors

State Bar of Michigan, Member, Former Character & Fitness Committee Member, and Former Civil Procedure Committee Member