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PRACTICES

Accounting Malpractice Defense

Commercial Litigation

Construction Litigation

Insurance Coverage and Litigation

Legal Malpractice Defense

Professional Liability Defense

EDUCATION

Indiana University (J.D., 2013)

Central Michigan University (M.A., 2009)

Albion College (B.A., 2008)

ATTORNEY

Michael is a trial attorney and shareholder in Smith Haughey's Litigation Practice Group. He focuses his litigation practice on professional liability defense and commercial litigation. As an attorney in Smith Haughey's Grand Rapids office, Michael takes a proactive, results-oriented approach to litigation in order to obtain positive results for his clients. He has tried cases to juries in both state and federal courts in Michigan.

Michael focuses his practice primarily on the defense of lawyers faced with legal malpractice claims. In his role as a professional liability defense attorney, Michael has also successfully defended accountants, architects, engineers, land surveyors, real estate agents, insurance agents and brokers, and professional trustees faced with claims of professional negligence. He regularly represents attorneys in contempt proceedings and before the Attorney Grievance Commission.

Michael lives in Grand Rapids with his wife and two daughters. In his free time, he enjoys golf, vacationing in Northern Michigan, and spending time with friends and family.

ADMITTED

State Bar of Michigan, 2014

Eastern District of Michigan, 2014

Western District of Michigan, 2014

United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

NOTEWORTHY

Listed in Best Lawyers – Insurance Law (2021)

Michigan Lawyers Weekly Up & Coming Lawyer award (2018)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association, Litigation Section, Member – Professional Liability Litigation Committee

Michigan Defense Trial Counsel

State Bar of Michigan, Litigation Section

COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

Safe Haven Ministries, Board Member, Executive Committee

Egypt Valley Country Club, Legal Committee Member

Central Michigan University Young Alumni, former Board Member

PUBLICATIONS

“Michigan Supreme Court Weighs in on Definition of “Employee” under Workers’ Disability Compensation Act,” Michigan Defense Quarterly, Vol. 31, No. 3, January 2015

“Punitive Damage Awards and Legal Malpractice Cases,” Lawyers’ Professional Liability Update, Vol. 14, No. 2, Fall 2014, with Kristen Guinn

“The Necessity of the Attorney Judgment Rule in the Legal Profession,” Michigan Defense Quarterly, Vol. 29, No. 3, January 2013, with Mark Gilchrist