

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.

Matt lives with his family in East Grand Rapids. 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

2004, Michigan

2004, U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan

2009, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan

2009, U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit

NOTEWORTHY

Selected as an "Up and Coming Lawyer" by Michigan Lawyers Weekly, 2012

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 Best Lawyers (2019-2021) – Commercial Litigation, Product Liability Litigation – Plaintiffs

Listed as a "Michigan Super Lawyer" (2020) -- Personal Injury – General: Plaintiff

Listed as Grand Rapids Magazine "Top Lawyer" (2019, 2021) – Personal Injury

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