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PRACTICES

Agriculture and Agribusiness Law

Business Law

Business Law Services

Entity Formation and Governance

Family-Owned Business Law

Real Estate Law

EDUCATION

Wayne State University Law School (J.D., 2021)

University of Michigan (B.A., 2018)

ADMITTED

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan, 2022

State Bar of Michigan, 2021

PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Michigan Legal Services, Student Attorney (2020)

Smith Haughey Rice & Roegge, Summer Associate (2020)

ATTORNEY

Christian Leeka is an attorney in Smith Haughey's business and real estate group. He helps both corporate and individual clients through: real estate purchases, sales, leasing, and all stages of development; mergers and acquisitions; commercial contracts and transactions; for-profit and nonprofit entity formation, planning, and governance; and business succession planning - especially closely held family businesses.

He has a particular interest in advising in matters involving survey analysis, chain of title evaluation, and zoning compliance. Christian's clients include individuals, business owners, property owners, investors, developers, property managers, landlords, homeowners' associations, condominium associations, manufacturers, and builders. He works closely with clients to design, draft, negotiate, and execute documents and transactions.

Christian graduated from the University of Michigan with a B.A. in history and went on to earn his Juris Doctor from Wayne State University Law School. While in law school, Christian served on the Student Board of Governors and was a member of Wayne Law's Mock Trial Team.

When not in the office, Christian enjoys playing basketball, golf, and pickleball, spending time and traveling with his family, and enjoying Lake Michigan.

NOTEWORTHY

Named to the 2026 and 2027 Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® list in America for Corporate Law; Nonprofit/Charities Law; Securities/Capital Markets Law; Real Estate Law; Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)

Named to the 2023 and 2024 *Grand Rapids Magazine* Top Lawyers list for Real Estate Law

Named to the 2022 *Grand Rapids Magazine* Top Lawyers list for Litigation - Real Estate

Named to the 2025 Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America list