

Mary A. Kalmink

Of Counsel

Mary A. Kalmink practices in the firm's Litigation and Employment Practice Groups. Mary's areas of expertise include class action, personal injury, product liability, employment relations, and commercial disputes.

While at the Wayne State University Law School, Mary received the Fern Walter, Silver Key and Traitel Scholarships for academic merit. She was awarded the American Jurisprudence Award for Legal Writing and Research and Order of the Coif. Mary was a member of the Wayne State University Law Review and served as Editor of the Annual Survey of Michigan Law.

Mary served as special counsel to United States District Judge John Feikens on Procter & Gamble v. Bankers Trust, a landmark case dealing with leveraged financial derivatives.

She is national counsel on food contamination for a major meat producer. In connection with her defense of claims involving food products, Mary made presentations to the Food Industry Counsel. She published an article entitled "Daubert and its Progeny" in the NFPA Journal, the monthly publication of the National Food Processors Association. Annually, she publishes a chapter entitled "Attorney Fees" in Michigan Law of Damages and Other Remedies. Additionally, Mary is an accomplished lecturer and public speaker. She delivered a speech entitled "The Ten Most Common Mistakes That Lead To Product Liability and How To Eliminate or Minimize Them" at the Food and Drug Law Institute in Washington, D.C.

In addition to handling a variety of litigation, Mary advises clients on various employment issues and handles employee training on issues such as sexual harassment. Mary also represents employers on tax rate and related issues before the Unemployment Insurance Agency.

Mary was honored as one of Michigan's Top Lawyers in Litigation by dbusiness, Detroit's premier business journal.

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Areas of Emphasis

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Class Action Litigation
Commercial Litigation
Employment Litigation
Mass Tort Litigation
Product Liability
Toxic Torts and Hazardous Substance Litigation

Memberships

- American Arbitration Association, National Roster of Neutral Commercial Arbitrators
- Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association
- Michigan Judicial Institute, Faculty Member and Participant in the 2004 Annual Judicial Conference
- State Bar of Michigan, Standing Committee on Character and Fitness



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State Bar Licenses

Michigan

Court Admissions

U.S. District Ct., E.D. of Michigan

U.S. District Ct., W.D. of Michigan

U.S. Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court