

Timothy D. Wittlinger

Of Counsel



Timothy D. Wittlinger specializes in commercial and complex litigation. His particular specialty is technical contract litigation involving defective products, breach of warranty claims, and other matters involving interface with technical experts and engineers. He gained such technical expertise while studying engineering at Purdue University.

Timothy has represented owners and contractors in complex construction cases, both in litigation and arbitration. He has been involved in a number of real estate litigation matters. He has had experience in products liability matters involving injury and death to plaintiffs as a result of defective products or improper industrial operations. He is certified as a specialist in Civil Trial Advocacy by the National Board of trial Advocacy.

Timothy maintains a professional responsibility and professional liability practice, specializing in ethics, the rules of professional conduct, risk management and attorney liability issues. He is Of Counsel to the firm having served as General Counsel of the Firm from 1991 through 2007. He has spoken and written on legal ethics and professional responsibility for the Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers (APRL) and the Institute for Continuing Legal Education. In the professional liability area, Timothy has represented both plaintiffs and defendants in medical, legal and accounting malpractice suits.

Timothy also has an extensive alternative dispute resolution practice. He serves as a case evaluator for the Oakland County Circuit Court, and has been appointed a special mediator by the court in connection with a number of complex litigation cases.

Timothy often lectures on legal matters. He has participated in both live and videotape seminars for the Institute of Continuing Legal Education, the National Business Institute, the Federal Bar Association and the Center for International Legal Studies (CILS).

He has been a lecturer in the Student Trial Advocacy Program at Wayne State University Law School and serves each year as a volunteer "judge" for the Moot Court Program at the University of Michigan Law School. He has written on the Michigan Court Rules for the Michigan Bar Journal, and authored a chapter on evidence for the CILS treatise on International Judicial Assistance in Civil Matters. He has accepted a position as Visiting Professor of International Law at Southern Federal University Law School in Rostov-on Don, Russia for the Fall Quarter, 2008.

Practices, Industries & Services

Litigation

Areas of Emphasis

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Asbestos
Commercial Litigation
Insurance Defense
Product Liability

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Center for Professional Responsibility
- Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers (APRL)
- Engineering Society of Detroit
- Federal Bar Association
- Oakland County Bar Association, Mediation Committee
- Special Supreme Court Committee to Study MCR 2.403 (Mediation Rule)
- State Bar of Michigan
- The National Board of Trial Advocacy, certified as a specialist in Civil Trial Advocacy

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Education

J.D., University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1965
B.A., Purdue University-Main Campus, West Lafayette, Indiana, 1962

State Bar Licenses

Michigan

Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit
U.S. Supreme Court
U.S. Tax Court
U.S. District Ct., E.D. of Michigan

Honors

- Best Lawyers in America (2019 and 2021 Editions) for Commercial Litigation; Litigation-Construction
- Listed in Best Lawyers