



Daniel J. Ferris
MEMBER

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Daniel J. Ferris feels privileged to be called upon to assist companies and individuals across a range of industries and with a wide variety of issues.

Practice Areas

- Appeals
 - Automotive
 - Automotive Warranty and Supply Chain
 - Business and Corporate Law
 - Construction
 - Creditors' Rights
 - Health Care Law
 - Insurance Law
 - Labor, Employment, Employee Benefits and ERISA
 - Litigation and Dispute Resolution
 - Michigan Business Court Litigation
 - Physician Licensing, Staffing and Contract Disputes
 - Sales Commissions
 - Shareholder / Member Disputes
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Bio

Dan handles matters involving class action, commercial disputes, corporate law, employment law, insurance, licensing, litigation, products liability, and professional liability defense, and has particular experience in non-compete and sales representative contracts. Dan handles high-stakes and high-profile lawsuits.

His industry-specific experience includes:

- Representing corporations and individuals involved in health care including dentists, hospitals, medical device manufacturers, and physicians, and serving as Co-Chair of the Professional Liability & Health Care Section of Michigan Defense Trial Counsel
- Representing automotive manufacturers and serving as a member of the Original Equipment Suppliers

Association Young Leadership Council

Dan has been recognized by *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* as a “Leader in the Law” and by *Super Lawyers* as a “Rising Star” (a distinction earned by no more than 2.5% of Michigan lawyers). He was elected into the Fellows of the American Bar Foundation (a distinction limited to 1% of Michigan attorneys) and the Michigan State Bar Foundation Fellows Program (a distinction limited to 5% of Michigan attorneys).

Dan is passionate about education, is a lifelong learner, and works hard to stay at the leading-edge of knowledge, training, and tactics in the legal profession so as to provide clients with the best service, work product, and results possible. In addition to his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Michigan, he completed a trial advocacy program at the Northwestern University School of Law. Dan has served as an instructor at the University of Michigan and is an editor of *Michigan Law of Damages and Other Remedies*, a treatise published by the Institute of Continuing Legal Education. He is a member of Kerr Russell’s Continuing Legal Education Committee and has served as a judge for moot court competitions at the University of Michigan and Wayne State University Law Schools. Dan has also served as a “Barrister” in the American Inns of Court, which is an organization that promotes legal education. He has presented on topics relating to commercial litigation, health care, and legal research.

Dan is also passionate about civic service. He was first appointed and then elected to serve as a member of the State Bar of Michigan Representative Assembly, which is the final policy-making body of the State Bar. As Chair of the Drafting Committee, Dan worked closely on a proposal that was adopted by the Michigan Supreme Court and constituted the most significant reform of the Michigan Court Rules in more than 30 years. He is also a Fellow of the Oakland County Bar Foundation, which promotes increased access to and understanding of the legal system. Dan has supported homeless youth as a member of the Covenant House Michigan Associate Board. He additionally volunteers with Kerr Russell’s Giving Back program, represents nonprofit corporations, and represents clients on a pro bono basis. Dan previously held a leadership position in a community service organization and has traveled to multiple sites around the United States to perform volunteer work.

Articles

- “*Taylor v University Physician Group: Michigan Court of Appeals Allows Expert Testimony that Conflicts with Eyewitness Testimony*,” *Michigan Defense Quarterly* (2020)
- “[Can My Client Sue My Expert? Michigan Court of Appeals Addresses Witness Immunity Doctrine](#),” *Michigan Defense Quarterly* (2019)
- “[The Michigan Litigation Addressing the Vaping Epidemic](#),” *Detroit Medical News* (2019)
- “[Navigating Uncertainty: Legal Options for Manufacturers Confronting Tariffs](#),” *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* (2018)

White Papers

- [New Laws for Prescribing Controlled Substances in Michigan: Are you ready?](#) (2018)

Affiliations

- State Bar of Michigan Representative Assembly
- Detroit Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association, Eastern District of Michigan
- Oakland County Bar Association
- Oakland County Bar Foundation, Fellow

- Washtenaw County Bar Association
 - Michigan Defense Trial Counsel, Co-Chair, Professional Liability & Health Care Section
 - American Bar Foundation, Fellow
 - Michigan State Bar Foundation, Fellow
 - Super Lawyers
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Bar and Court Admissions

- Michigan
 - United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
 - United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan
 - United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
 - United States District Court for the Northern District of California
 - United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York
 - United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
 - Sault St. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court
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Education

- University of Michigan Law School, J.D.
 - Associate Editor, *Michigan Journal of International Law*
 - University of Michigan, A.B.
 - *with high distinction*
 - Phi Beta Kappa
 - James B. Angell Scholar
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Representative Matters

- Represents international nonprofit corporation in various courts across Michigan, including the Michigan Supreme Court, in support of the emergency rules that made Michigan the first state in the nation to ban nicotine vaping products
- Obtained dismissal of federal suit relating to sophisticated international transactions involving an automotive supplier and sales representative, which was upheld by the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- Obtained seven-figure judgment in favor of health care corporation for breach of non-compete agreement following an arbitration proceeding, which was upheld by the Michigan Court of Appeals and the Michigan Supreme Court
- Obtained favorable settlement of products liability class action suit against automotive manufacturer
- Obtained injunction and favorable settlement of matter involving former employees of automotive supplier who allegedly misappropriated trade secrets
- Investigated financial and other wrongdoing allegedly committed by employees of nonprofit corporation
- Obtained injunction in favor of distributor of automotive parts for breach of non-compete agreement
- Obtained favorable settlement of automotive supply chain dispute involving request for injunctive relief
- Obtained dismissal of medical malpractice suit prior to trial based on causation defense. The Michigan Court of Appeals opinion upholding the trial court's decision has become a leading authority in this area as

identified by a prominent legal treatise