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AREAS OF PRACTICE:

Civil Litigation
Insurance Coverage
Construction Accidents
Premises Liability
First and Third Party Auto
Employment/Wrongful Discharge
Product Liability

EDUCATION:

University of Detroit School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 1977)
Associate Editor, *Journal of Urban Law* (1976-1977)
University of Michigan (BBA, 1967)

BAR ADMISSIONS:

State Bar of Michigan 1977
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan 1977
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan 1980
U.S. Court of Appeals 6th Circuit 1981

EMPLOYMENT:

Board of Directors at Harvey Kruse, P.C. 1987-Present
Shareholder at Harvey Kruse, P.C. 1983-Present;
Associate Attorney at Harvey Kruse, P.C. 1977-1983

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Martindale Hubbell Rating: A/V (Highest Rating)

EXPERIENCE:

Over 100 defense jury verdicts and over 100 defense summary dispositions with success in numerous circuit courts throughout the State of Michigan, the United States District Court for the Eastern District and Western Districts of Michigan, the Michigan Court of Appeals and the United States Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit. Also admitted pro hac vice to handle cases for national clients in New Jersey, Georgia, Illinois and Montana.

Served as a mediator/case evaluator in Wayne County, Oakland County and Genesee County for over 20 years.

Served as an arbitrator in numerous insurance coverage and tort

liability cases.

Presented seminars on insurance law, employment law and toxic tort litigation.

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS: ABB Corporation
Allied Insurance Company
American Insurance Companies
Ashland Inc.
Bituminous Insurance Companies
GMAC Insurance
Liberty Mutual Group
Nationwide Insurance Companies
Scottsdale Insurance Company
Steelcase, Inc.
Titan Insurance Company
Wausau Insurance Companies

MEMBER: State Bar of Michigan
Genesee County Bar Association
Member Negligence Law Section State Bar of Michigan
Member Employment Law Section State Bar of Michigan

MILITARY SERVICE: United States Army, Decorated Service in Viet Nam

SIGNIFICANT APPELLATE DECISIONS: *Mallard v Hoffinger*, 222 Mich App 137 (1997), first Michigan appellate case to establish that a product manufacturer of a simple tool (in this case an above-ground swimming pool) had no duty to design safety features to avoid open and obvious risks. The Court of Appeals ruled that the pool manufacturer had no duty to design safety features to protect the users from injuries sustained from striking the bottom of their pool.

Huggins v MIC Gen Ins Corp, 228 Mich App 84 (1998), first Michigan appellate case upholding the automobile policy exclusion for a driver "using a vehicle without a reasonable belief that the person is entitled to do so" where an underage, unlicensed driver was using a vehicle,, even though the driver was using the vehicle with permission.