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Michael J. Guss

AREAS OF PRACTICE:

Civil Litigation
Products Liability
Premises Liability
Construction Accidents
Insurance Coverage
Automobile Negligence
Dram Shop
Employment Law

EDUCATION:

Detroit College of Law—Michigan State University Law School (cum laude, 1989)
University of Michigan—Dearborn (B.A., with distinction, 1986)

BAR ADMISSIONS:

State Bar of Michigan (1989)
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan (1989)
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan (2003)

EMPLOYMENT:

Shareholder at Harvey Kruse, P.C. (1997-Present)
Associate Attorney at Harvey Kruse, P.C. (1990-1997)

EXPERIENCE:

At Harvey Kruse, Michael developed his trial and appellate skills in a diverse field of practice, while primarily working for insurance carriers and self-insureds. Michael has litigated cases involving employment law, retaliatory discharge, discharge against public policy, “Whistleblower’s Act”, sexual harassment, age, gender, race discrimination, handicapper’s liability, FMLA liability, product liability, fire and explosion loss, first and third party automobile liability, premises liability, dramshop law, insurance coverage, negligence, indemnity, fraud, misrepresentation, contractual liability, environmental liability, swimming pool liability, over-the-counter drug liability, covenants not to compete, business entity dissolution, business transaction liability, consumer and warranty law, construction and trucking.

Michael has handled regulatory and administrative law situations involving MIOSHA, the MDEQ, the LCC, the MDCR, and the EEOC

Appellate Practice

In addition to trying cases in multiple circuit courts and district courts across the state, Michael has also engaged in a significant appellate court practice. Michael has drafted, contributed to and/or argued appellate cases involving issues of environmental law, swimming pool liability, over-the-counter drug liability, premises liability, first and third party automobile negligence.

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Since Michael was time-eligible, he was selected and has served as a defense case evaluator on the Civil Tort and several Other Case designation panels for Genesee County.

Trusted and respected by his peers and firm's competitor's, Michael has long served as defense arbitrator in tort and contract cases.

Seminar/Client Education

Michael has composed and drafted seminar treatises and compendiums and presented educational seminars in employment law, premises liability, first and third party Michigan no-fault law, uninsured/underinsured motorist law, scar evaluation, dog bite law, deposition taking and mediation/case evaluation briefing and argument.

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

**REPRESENTATIVE
TRIAL & APPELLATE
DECISIONS:**

Stewart v. State, 471 Mich. 692 (Oct. 26, 2004)

Amy v. MIC General Ins. Corp., 258 Mich. App. 94 (August 14, 2003)

Mallard v. Hoffinger Industries, Inc., 222 Mich. App. 137 (March 4, 1997)

Model Laundries & Dry Cleaners v. Amoco Corp., 216 Mich. App. 1 (March 19, 1996)

Unpublished cases: Numerous.