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Daniel J. McCarthy

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Dan McCarthy has amassed a long list of accomplishments and outstanding results over his long career in the practice of law.

Representing insured and self-insured clients in construction, insurance coverage, product liability, toxic torts, medical and professional malpractice, and first- and third-party automobile litigation, his litigation prowess is respected by judges and attorneys across Michigan, as evidenced by his AV Preeminent Lawyer designation, reflecting the highest possible rating among his peers.

Just a few years after earning his undergraduate degree, *cum laude*, from the University of Michigan, and his law degree, *cum laude*, from University of Detroit, Dan co-founded and managed what became one of the most highly regarded insurance defense law firms in the state, successfully handling complex and high exposure cases in state and federal trial courts. During that time, as well as his tenure with Zausmer, he has been involved with a number of notable matters, including a \$2 million dispute over a faulty climate system in a sugar storage facility, an 18-year environmental cleanup action centering on a rural property used as dump site by urban and suburban polluters, and the wrongful death claims of three workers killed in a coal dust explosion at the Ford River Rouge manufacturing facility.

Dan's efforts and contributions at the appellate level have helped to shape the law in Michigan. His cases before the Michigan Supreme Court prompted the justices to formally adopt the common law doctrine known as the "Firefighter's Rule" in negligence matters, and the doctrine of *res ipsa loquitur* in medical practice actions specifically. He also lends his vast experience as a case evaluator in the Oakland and Wayne County Circuit Courts, and is routinely sought out as an arbitrator and mediator in private facilitations. Additionally, he has volunteered at Common Ground, providing pro bono services to individuals and families in need of legal advice and counseling.

PRACTICE AREAS

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Construction Law
Insurance Coverage
Insurance Defense
Insurance Fraud
Malpractice & Professional Liability
Non-Profit & Human Services
Products Liability
Transportation Law

EDUCATION

University of Detroit Mercy Law School,
Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, 1976

University of Michigan,

Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science,
cum laude, 1973

BAR ADMISSIONS

State of Michigan
U.S. Supreme Court
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan

PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

State Bar of Michigan, *Master Lawyers Section*
Oakland County Bar Association
American Bar Association
Defense Research Institute
Case Evaluator, Oakland and Wayne County Circuit Courts

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

Frequent lecturer to various organizations on topics including Michigan no-fault law, insurance coverage, premises liability in Michigan, and the roles of defense attorneys and insurance claim professionals in the defense of insured clients
Guest Lecturer at Lawrence Technological University for Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) courses

HONORS & AWARDS

AV Preeminent Lawyer – Peer Review Rating of 5.0 out of 5.0 (Martindale Hubbell)



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