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Jonathan Freshour focuses his practice on appeals, complex commercial, and real estate disputes, drawing upon his background in appellate research and writing to distill intricate legal and factual issues.

Jonathan spent multiple years at the Michigan Court of Appeals, where he was responsible for drafting opinions on a wide range of legal issues. His writing has played a part in the development of both civil and criminal jurisprudence across the state, including opinions interpreting constitutional law, zoning and municipal issues, governmental liability, real property, contract disputes, and so on. His broad range of experience and detail-oriented approach enable him to tackle novel and multifaceted issues thoroughly and efficiently to achieve the best results for his clients.

Jonathan received his bachelor's degree in Political Science *with honors* from the University of Michigan Ann Arbor, where he chaired the Undergraduate Political Science Association and the Golden Key International Honor Society. Jonathan then earned his Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. As a law student, Jonathan served as a teaching assistant in multiple legal theory and analysis courses, as well as an advanced advocacy course. In his second year, he received the school's annual Frank S. Sengstock Award for Excellence in Legal Writing for his submission to the University of Detroit Mercy Law Review. He also served as the student representative to the American Bar Association, and was the president of the school's LGBTQ+ student group, Outlaws.

Outside of the office, Jonathan enjoys spending time with his family and coparenting his cat and two dogs—Carol, Geoff, and George—with his partner. He further enjoys working in his vegetable garden, cooking, board games, and playing music.

PRACTICE AREAS

Appellate
Commercial Litigation
Eminent Domain
Real Property

EDUCATION

University of Detroit Mercy Law School,

Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, 2016
Teaching Assistant, Applied Legal Theory
and Analysis
Senior Editor, *Law Review*
Senior Member, Moot Court
Frank S. Sengstock Award for Excellence in
Legal Writing
Four Law School Book Awards, including Contracts
and Anatomy of a Business Transaction

University of Michigan,

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science,
with honors, 2013
Teaching Assistant and Volunteer Coordinator,
Project Outreach

BAR ADMISSIONS

State of Michigan
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
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, *Young Lawyers Sections*

PUBLICATIONS

*The Creationist Strategy: the First Amendment, Evolution,
and the Disestablishment of Biblical Literalism.*
93 U. Det. L. Rev. 491 (2016)

HONORS & AWARDS

Frank S. Sengstock Award for Excellence in Legal Writing
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Anatomy of a Business



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