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**Michael A. Schwartz**

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Michael Schwartz is a commercial litigator, helping his clients resolve disputes with creativity and pragmatic, business-focused thinking.

Michael handles a wide variety of litigation, including business and commercial disputes, insurance, real estate, employment, civil rights, and general liability claims. His extensive experience includes the successful representation of Fortune 500 insurers, national restaurant franchisees, real estate owners and developers, one of the Midwest's largest banks, the Detroit Pistons, and numerous other businesses and non-profits.

Regardless of the type of matter, Michael prides himself on providing candid advice before, during, and after litigation. He counsels clients on preventative measures to avoid future disputes and is a creative problem solver once litigation ensues. In every case, his focus is on practical, cost-effective solutions.

Michael is also an informed, engaging adviser, offering education and guidance to clients and non-clients alike. He has served as a panelist for the Association of Corporate Counsel Michigan and regularly presents at the Insurance Alliance of Michigan's annual seminar.

A shareholder at Zausmer, Michael has spent his entire career with the firm. He regularly supports the firm's community efforts, including City Year Detroit, Gleaners Community Food Bank, and the Detroit Pistons Foundation.

Michael earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and his law degree, *cum laude*, from the University of Georgia, where he served as Notes Editor for the *Georgia Journal of International & Comparative Law*.

Away from his legal practice, Michael enjoys college football, golf, travel, and time spent with his two young children.

#### **PRACTICE AREAS**

Business & Commercial Litigation  
Employment Law & Labor Litigation  
Insurance Coverage  
Insurance Defense  
Insurance Fraud  
Real Property  
Transportation Law

#### **EDUCATION**

**University of Georgia,**  
Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, 2010  
Notes Editor, *Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law*  
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

**University of Wisconsin - Madison,**  
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and History, 2004  
Dean's List  
Pre-Law Society

#### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

State of Michigan  
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, *Insurance & Indemnity,*  
*Labor & Employment, and Negligence Sections*

#### **RECENT PRESENTATIONS**

"Practice Makes Perfect: Avoiding Unexpected Pitfalls in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiatives," Association of Corporate Counsel (Michigan Chapter), April 2022  
"Don't Strike Out: Navigating Attorney-Client Privilege Issues for In-House Counsel," Association of Corporate Counsel (Michigan Chapter), May 2019  
"Innocence Lost - The Uncertain Equities of Rescission under Bazzi," Insurance Alliance of Michigan Seminar, September 2018  
"Defending Claims in the Age of Orchestrated Treatment, Fraud and Kickbacks," Saginaw Valley Adjusters Association Meeting, February 2018  
"Bahri - A New Dawn for Fraud Defense," Insurance Institute of Michigan, Annual Claims Seminar, September 2016  
"Admire - Hopes, Dreams & Unintended Consequences," Insurance Institute of Michigan, Annual Claims Seminar, 2015  
"New Statutory Fraud Provisions in Runner, Capper, Steerer Laws & Assigned Claims Plan," Insurance Institute of Michigan, Annual Claims Seminar, 2014

#### **HONORS & AWARDS**

Best Lawyers (Michigan) - 2025 - Present  
Best Lawyers - Ones to Watch - 2021, 2023 and 2024  
Super Lawyers Rising Star - 2022  
Top Rated Lawyers - *Corporate Counsel* - 2021 and 2022



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