



EXECUTIVE SHAREHOLDER

Nicole M. Wright



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Clients trust Nicole Wright to defend complex, high-exposure liability cases, where millions—and reputations—are on the line.

Nicole is the first call when catastrophic injury, wrongful death, or major financial exposure threatens a business. She steps in at the outset to develop a thoughtful strategy, evaluate risk, manage potential media scrutiny, and counsel her clients. Her early involvement positions clients to make informed decisions before litigation escalates.

She is known for her aggressive yet professional advocacy in a broad array of civil defense and commercial disputes, including premises liability, product liability, construction, and security cases. Nicole's consistent, results-driven representation makes her a key asset for mitigating substantial financial and reputational consequences. Over the past two decades, she has successfully prevailed at the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals and secured numerous summary judgment wins in state and federal courts. Her approach blends disciplined litigation tactics with sound judgment, earning the trust of clients as they navigate complex and high-risk disputes.

A member of Zausmer's Executive Committee, Nicole plays a central role in shaping the Firm's legal direction and operational priorities while maintaining an active litigation practice. She also serves on the Firm's Diversity Committee, reinforcing a culture that values a range of perspectives and drives stronger, more effective advocacy.

As the head of a large, trial-focused litigation team, Nicole directs legal strategies and trial preparation across a range of high-exposure matters. Her team includes former prosecutors and experienced litigators whose courtroom strength enables them to prevail at every phase of litigation.

Nicole earned her law degree cum laude from Michigan State University College of Law, where she served on the Moot Court Board and as Note & Comment Editor of the International Law Review. She received the Ralph Rose & Samuel Hepp Award for outstanding oral advocacy. She also holds a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University.

Outside the office, Nicole enjoys spending time with her family, skiing, and playing the piano.



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PRACTICE AREAS

Premises Liability
Product Liability
Transportation
Business & Commercial Litigation
Insurance Defense
Construction

EDUCATION

Michigan State University College of Law,

Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, 2001
Moot Court Board
Captain, Fordham Kaufman Securities Regulation Team
Ralph Rose & Samuel Help Award for outstanding oral advocacy skills
Note & Comment Editor, *Michigan State International Law Review*
Director of Public Affairs and Parliamentarian, Student Bar Association

Western Michigan University,

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, 1997

BAR ADMISSIONS

State of Michigan
U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan

PRESENTATIONS

"What's Above the Glass Ceiling," CenterForce Driving Diversity in Law and Leadership Summit, April 2023

PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

State Bar of Michigan, *Insurance & Indemnity Law, Labor & Employment Law, Litigation, and Negligence Law Sections*
Oakland County Bar Association, *Fellow, Oakland County Bar Foundation*
American Bar Association
Michigan Defense Trial Counsel
Insurance Institute of Michigan
Defense Research Institute
Zausmer Diversity Committee, *Co-Chair*
TIPS/ABA, *Vice-Chair of the Commercial Transportation Litigation Committee of*

HONORS & AWARDS

Top Women Attorneys in Michigan – 2021 and 2022
Michigan Top Lawyers – 2017
Super Lawyers (Michigan) – 2013 – Present
Super Lawyers Rising Star (Michigan) – 2012



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