

NICHOLAS J. WITTNER

Curriculum Vitae



LEGAL PRACTICE POSITIONS

Assistant General Counsel, Nissan North America Legal Department, February, 1991 – May, 2010

Managed the Legal Department's Product Group, which is responsible for the defense of individual and class action product liability litigation against Nissan in North America. The Group also serves as the global center of expertise and resource for advising on regulatory, product safety and liability prevention. Advised engineers in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Europe, and Japan during product development, design, and manufacture. Served as legal adviser to management on product recalls.

Responsible also for the management of stationary and mobile source environmental compliance and litigation matters, as well as patent prosecution and litigation defense. In summary, my Group and I were involved in the concept, design, patenting, development, regulatory compliance, recall, product liability prevention and litigation, and environmental compliance for automotive products, much of it worldwide.

Executive Attorney, General Motors Corporation Legal Staff, 1987 to February, 1991
Staff Attorney, General Motors Legal Staff, May 1979 to 1987

Managed the defense of product liability cases. This included the creation of national and regional counsel programs for complex, high-exposure multi-district product liability litigation. Served as legal adviser to product development engineers and safety review committees. Managed appellate litigation involving federal preemption, including appeals to the United States Supreme Court. These cases were instrumental in the development of the law that culminated in the *Geier v. Honda* preemption decision by the United States Supreme Court. I have special expertise in preemption law in product liability litigation.

Of Counsel, Hewitt Wolensky, 2013

Hewitt Wolensky was a California law firm specializing in product liability and commercial litigation, regulatory compliance and product recall counseling, mass tort litigation and risk management, and media and government relations. I provided advice on product safety and liability prevention programs; product regulation; product liability and class action litigation, and international civil litigation. I also presented seminars on product liability law and procedures to help reduce legal risk.

Of Counsel, Dykema, July 2014 – July 2018

Dykema is Michigan's largest law firm and has nearly 350 attorneys and legal professionals working out of twelve offices in the United States. Dykema is a full service law firm that provides comprehensive counsel and support to many global Fortune 100 companies. I was a member of the Litigation Department, including the Products, Class Actions and Professional Liability Practice Group, Automotive Industries Group; the Autonomous and Connected Vehicles Team; and the Government Investigations and Corporate Compliance Group. I served as Co-Director of the Dykema Litigation Institute, and much of my practice included presenting CLE webinars featuring faculties of highly-experienced lawyers with subject matter expertise on leading-edge legal developments, including corporate compliance.

COMPLIANCE OFFICE POSITIONS

Acting Chief Compliance Officer, Office of the President, Michigan State University, July 2018 – October 31, 2018

Responsibilities included overseeing the development of a consistent ethics and compliance program and Office for the University and a framework for identifying, prioritizing, and managing risk. Worked across the administrative and academic units of the University to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the Office, including Department of Audit and Risk; Information Technologies; College of Human Medicine; College of Osteopathic Medicine; MSU HealthTeam clinical practice; Office of Regulatory Affairs; Athletics Compliance; Office of General Counsel; and Youth Programs. Working with Department of Audit and Risk to confirm implementation of steps for "Taking Action to foster a safer campus", which identifies best practices being implemented for (1) Protecting patients and improving patient care; (2) Prevention of Relationship Violence, Sexual Misconduct and Sexual Assault; and (3) Responding to relationship violence, sexual misconduct and sexual assault.

Senior Compliance Officer, Adviser to Office of Audit, Risk, and Compliance, Michigan State University, Nov. 2018 – May 2019

Supported the organization, development, and staffing of new Compliance Office and the creation of a Code of Ethics for the Board of Trustees, executive administration, and other Michigan State University community members.

COMPLIANCE PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Society of Corporate Compliance and Ethics

- Speaker, “*Maintaining, Retaining, and Enhancing Respect and Reputation*”, Webinar, October 2018

New York University School of Law, Program on Corporate Compliance and Enforcement (“PCEE”)

This is the nation’s leading Program created to promote effective enforcement and compliance in business law in the public interest. PCCE describes its history and mission: “Each year PCCE hosts conferences and forums, bringing together some of the most prominent academics, lawyers, and judges in the world for in-depth discussions about how to structure enforcement policy and compliance to effectively deter corporate misconduct.”

In 2019, PCCE presented its program “#MeToo and Beyond: Lessons for Compliance, Investigations, and Governance”.

- Speaker, “Special Considerations for Non-Profits and Universities”

American Law Institute

- Member of Consultative Group – Principles of the Law, Compliance, Enforcement, and Risk Management for Corporations, Nonprofits, and Other Organizations, 2014 – 2022
- Member of Consultative Group -- Student Sexual Misconduct: Procedural Frameworks for Colleges and Universities, 2018 – 2022

TEACHING POSITIONS

Professor in Residence, Michigan State University College of Law, July 2013 – present

- ***Product Liability Law and Practice***

The class is designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills to become effective product liability litigators and also counselors to product designers and manufacturers. Students will learn not only from the court opinions but also from presentations about real-world, current mass litigation. This course is divided into four parts: (1) Product Liability Law; (2) Product Liability Litigation Practice; (3) Product Safety and Liability (counseling manufacturers on the development of safe products); and (4) Product Regulation (how the safety regulation process works and how regulations can be important evidence in a product liability class). The Product Safety and Liability Prevention section involves the study of “autonomous” vehicles as well as “connected vehicles” (vehicle-to-vehicle communication technologies). It is a three-credit class for J.D. students.

- ***Civil Litigation Procedure and Practice for Foreign-Educated Lawyers***

This course was for international lawyers who were enrolled in the Law College's former LL.M program. It explains the litigation process in the United States and the international reach of it, including the special rules and treaties on the service of process and taking of evidence abroad. The class is designed to equip foreign-educated lawyers with the knowledge and practical skills needed to manage international civil litigation in state and federal courts. The course is taught in two sections and is augmented by a weekly skills workshop where the lawyers learn to draft pleadings and motions that are particularly relevant in international litigation. This was a three-credit class for LL.M students only.

In addition to teaching this course at the College of Law campus in East Lansing, I taught this as a two-credit class during Spring Semester, 2013 and 2015 at the Michigan State University College of Law's ***Dubai Campus*** in the United Arab Emirates.

In 2015, I was also the ***Keynote Speaker*** on February 2 – "Innovation in Teaching", at the 3rd Dubai International Conference in Higher Education, "Today's Universities: Combining Rigour with Relevance".

I have also presented seminars on this subject at the University of Indonesia Law Faculty, Jentera School of Law, and Trisakti University in Jakarta, as well as the University of Padjajaran Law Faculty and Parahyangan Catholic University in Bandung Indonesia.

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- ***International Civil Litigation***

This course provided students with a solid understanding of domestic civil procedure and then moves to the essentials of international practice. This includes the subject matter jurisdiction of federal and state courts over claims involving international parties. This encompasses both original jurisdiction as well as removal jurisdiction. In addition, it covers personal jurisdiction over foreign defendants; the special rules of procedure and international treaties that apply to service of process on foreign parties; taking of evidence abroad; and the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments against United States defendants and United States plaintiffs against defendants abroad. This was a 2-credit course for J.D. students.

- ***Topics in Torts: Advanced Product Liability***

This is a seminar course that allows J.D. students to complete their Upper Level Writing Requirement. The class dissects major, current product liability cases, examining all aspects of the litigation and related proceedings, including regulatory investigations; Congressional investigations; Department of Justice investigation of corporations and individual employees; the imposition of criminal penal and civil penalties, including deferred prosecution agreements; internal corporate investigations; class actions for pure economic loss; multi-district litigation procedures; settlement funds and the use of special masters to administer the funds; liability for failure to warn and failure to recall; the effect of criminal and civil penalties on exposure to punitive damages; and product liability prevention practices, including corporate compliance programs. It is a 2-credit course.

- ***Advanced Civil Procedure***

This course solidifies the students' understanding of the fundamentals that were taught in Civil Procedure I classes, including subject matter jurisdiction and personal jurisdiction; explains in greater depth the use of discovery methods, domestically and internationally; describe new judicial management requirements in federal courts (service of process, discovery plans, and court scheduling orders) particularly in complex litigation; explains how to enforce judgments, especially against international defendants with assets overseas; examines choice of forum and choice of law, as well as conflict of laws (important for transactional lawyers as well as for litigators); and comprehensively covers aggregate litigation, including class action and multi-district litigation practice. Much advanced civil litigation involves aggregate litigation and all of the preceding topics are essential building blocks to learning it. This is a 3-credit class

- ***Automated Vehicles and the Law***

The development of automated vehicles, which can assume all driving functions, as well as connected vehicles that communicate with each other to help avoid crashes, represents a fundamental transformation of transportation. These technologies present a myriad of legal issues, including product liability, cybersecurity, privacy, insurance, criminal law and procedure, federal and state regulation, and patents. The technologies are complex – artificial intelligence, machine learning, human-machine interface, and ethical decision-making designs are all involved. This course explains how the technologies are designed, tested, and developed; the real-life deployments of the vehicles; product liability risks stemming from development decisions; means for mitigating liability risks in design and warnings; liability for cybersecurity breaches including hacking; protection of privacy and liability for illicit intrusions; criminal liability for illicit use of vehicles; and a new paradigm for insurance law when the vehicle becomes the driver. Trial practice likely will also be affected because of the extraordinary complexity of the artificial intelligence design evidence that juries will need to understand. The course will explain how discovery and evidentiary presentation at trial may be managed. This course is available to select members of Michigan State University departments related to the development of automated vehicles. It is a 2-credit course.

Visiting Professor, Doshisha University Law School, Summer Semester 2019, 2024 (as a Professor in Residence from the Michigan State University College of Law)

Located in Kyoto, Japan, Doshisha University is one of the oldest private schools in Japan, with the Law School founded in 1891. Although law had traditionally been part of an undergraduate study program in Japan, Doshisha Law School established itself as a graduate professional law school with a global focus. Its curriculum requires students to take courses in foreign or comparative law. Doshisha has a network of affiliations with foreign law schools including Michigan State University's College of Law.

- Taught “*Civil Litigation in United States Courts*”, a course providing an overview of the litigation process in the United States, international civil litigation, and comparative Japanese law and practice. Students from Doshisha University School of Law as well as Kyoto University School of Law students participated in the class.

Guest Professor, Visiting International Professional Program (“VIPP”) at Michigan State University, Fall Semester 2019

VIPP is a part of the University’s International Studies and Programs. It is world leader in providing executive education and professional development certificate and non-certificate programs for international visitors. This includes the *Specialized Global Professional Educational Program*, which is designed for global companies, government agencies and officials, educational institutions.

- Presented a two-day experiential program on “*International Civil Litigation*” to a contingent of judges from the People’s Republic of China. The program included in-class as well as mock courtroom trial demonstrations.

Faculty Adviser and Host, The Michigan State Law Review’s Spring 2016 Symposium – *The Transformation of Transportation: Autonomous Vehicles, Google Cars, and Vehicles Talking to Each Other*

This Symposium discussed the legal issues, including liability, privacy, cybersecurity, and regulation, involved with vehicle-to-vehicle (“V2V”) technology. It included experts from the auto industry, as well from the Department of Transportation, and the leading practitioners and law professors to present an overview of the complexities of these promising technologies, the legal challenges they present, and proposed solutions that could help overcome potential legal impediments to their roll-out and the potential dramatic reductions in traffic fatalities and injuries that they may achieve.

Visiting Professor of Law, Michigan State University College of Law, June 2010 – July 2013

- Taught the Civil Litigation for Foreign-Educated Lawyers class for LL.M students (described above; 3 credit course).
- Taught the Product Liability Law and Practice course for J.D. students (described above; 2 credit course)
- Coached Mock Trial Advocacy Competition Team: Texas Young Lawyers Association Competition, San Antonio,
- Coached Mock Trial Advocacy Team: Texas Young Lawyers Association Competition, Grand Rapids, Michigan (Regional Quarterfinal), Spring Semester, 2012
- Co-judged National Trial Advocacy Competition Final Rounds, 2011, 2012, 2013

Adjunct Professor of Law, Michigan State University College of Law, Fall Term, 2009

- Taught the Product Liability Law and Practice course (two credit class).
- Served as an adviser to the Law College's team that participated in the national mock arbitration competition (in 2009 advancing to the arbitration competition championship finals).
- Co-judged the final round of the Tenth Annual National Trial Advocacy Competition final round.
- **Supervisor of Directed Studies (as Visiting Professor and Professor of Law in Residence at Michigan State University College of Law)**
 - *"The Evolution of Preemption in Products Liability: The Decisions in Williamson v. Mazda Motors of America and Priester v. Ford Motor Company"*, R. J. Morris, (J.D. student), Spring Semester, 2011
 - *"The Supreme Court 'Mensing' Its Words: Shaping Preemption of Medical Device Product Liability Claims"*, Andrew Dunlap, (J.D. student), Spring Semester, 2011
 - *"The 'Big Enchilada: The Law and Practice of Enhanced Injury Litigation Under the Restatement: Third"*, Peter Withey, (J.D. student), Summer Semester, 2011
 - *"Personal Jurisdiction: Special Problems in International Litigation"*, Nisha Lunawat, (LL.M student), Summer Semester, 2011
 - *"Electric Vehicles: Safety Standards and Product Liability"*, Pamela Kiel (J.D. student), Spring Semester 2012
 - *"Choice of Law and Forum in International Agreements and Litigation"*, Levan Nanobashvili (LL.M student), Spring Semester 2012
 - *"United States and Germany: A Comparative Analysis of the Judicial System, Litigation Procedure and Practice"*, Dr. Benjamin Guendling (LL.M student), Summer Semester 2012
 - *"Columbian Civil Law and Justice System, Service of Process, Taking Evidence, and Enforcement of Judgments in International Litigation"*, Juan Pablo Martinez (LL.M student), Summer Semester 2012

- *“Australian and United States Litigation Procedure and Practice: A Comparative Analysis, including Service of Process, Taking Evidence Abroad, and Enforcement of Judgments”*, Warda Ashraf Kalim, (LL.M student), Summer Semester 2012
- *“Tort Reform’s Economic Impact on Product Liability”*, Erik B. Diggs (J.D. student), Summer Semester 2012
- *“Helmet to Helmet: Riddell’s Role in the NFL’s Concussion Litigation”*, Chris Uhle (J.D. student), Fall Semester 2012
- *“Overview of Mass Tort Actions Regarding Defective Contraceptive Devices”*, Sandra Barsoum (J.D. student) Spring Semester, 2013
- *“A Comparative Analysis of the Saudi Arabian and United States Appellate Systems”*, Hamad Alfahmi (LL.M student) Spring Semester, 2013
- *“A Case Analysis of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill”*, Jeffrey Bonyng (J.D. student) Spring Semester, 2013
- *“Specific Personal Jurisdiction after J. McIntyre Machinery v. Nicastro: The Lingering Questions”* Michal Ulicny (LL.M student), Spring Semester, 201
- *“Should’ve, Could’ve, Would’ve, But Didn’t: BP’S Downfall Into Its Own Oily Mess”*, Silvia Mansoor (J.D student), Fall Semester 2013
- *“Product Liability and Recall in China: What We Can Learn from the Chinese Melamine Milk Scandal”*, Tatfu Wong (LL.M student), Fall Semester, 2013
- *“Promising & Challenging: What are the Obstacles and Solutions to Enforce China’s Food Safety Law” (A Comparative Analysis with Unites States Food Safety Laws and Product Liability)*, Zhen Chen (LL.M student), Fall Semester 2014
- *The GM Ignition Switch Failure: A Case Study of the “Switch from Hell”*, Chris Kind (J.D. student), Spring Semester 2016 (3-credit Directed Study)
- *International Discovery in a Blocking Statute World*, Hannah Meyer (J.D. student), Spring Semester 2016
- *The Deceptive Gordian Knot: Exploring the Frontier of Bristol-Myers Squibb Application*, Changyue Xu (J.D. student), Spring Semester, 2020

- **Expert Reader (as Visiting Professor and Professor of Law in Residence at Michigan State University College of Law)**
 - *“Nailed to the Wall: Enforcing Judgments in the Chinese Drywall Litigation”*, Leona Kung (J.D. student) Spring Semester 2013
 - *“Product Liability: Advancements in European Union Product Liability Law and a Comparison between the EU and US Regime”*, Lauren Sterrett (J.D. student), Spring Semester, 2014
 - *“Tort Law Immunity in the Crosshairs: Second Amendment Preemption After Heller and McDonald”*, Brandon Schumacher, (J.D student) Spring Semester, 2018
 - *“On the Road: A Comparison between Automated Vehicles in Japanese and United States Automated Vehicle Testing Laws”*, Clark Belanger, (J.D. student) Spring Semester, 2018
 - *“Personal Injury Litigation and Universal Healthcare: How America Can Learn from Canada, the United Kingdom, and Germany”*, Gary Cooper (J.D. student), Spring Semester, 2020
 - *“Life in the (Really) Fast Lane: Why Rural States Should Implement a High-Speed Minimum Speed Limit on Additional Freeway Lanes”*, Grantlee Hohlbein (J.D Student), 2020 – [2021]
- **Dissertation Committee Member, Michigan State University**
 - *Automated Vehicles: How Influence and Perception Impact Consumer Adoption of Connected and Automated Vehicles*, Cornelius Darcy (PhD. Candidate), 2021

Visiting Professor of Law, Vytautas Magnus University in Kaunas, Lithuania, Summer 2012

- Taught Product Liability Law and Practice. This course covered United States, European Union, and European Union member state national product liability laws. The class included a review of substantive and procedural treaties related to international product liability practice, including the European Union Product Safety and Product Liability Directives; and the Hague Conference Conventions on service of process and taking evidence abroad.
- Chaired the Theses Defense Committee. The other members included the Dean, Associate Dean, and a Law Faculty Professor. Twenty candidates for their master’s in law degree presented individually presented and defended their theses under questioning by the Committee members, who then decided whether the candidates would receive their degree.

Adjunct Professor of Law, Chapman University School of Law, Spring Semesters 2011

Taught Mock Trial Advocacy Teams for the American Association of Justice Competitions, Spring Semester 2012

Affiliate Professor, Michigan State University Center for Business and Social Analytics, 2019 –

The Center, part of the Eli Broad College of Business, involves multi-college coloration on research relating to mobility and automated and connected vehicles. The Center also presents workshops on autonomous vehicles. In addition, I served as a member of the University's socio-mobility and policy group, representing the Law College. Michigan State University has established CANVAS – Connected and Autonomous Networked Vehicles for Active Safety, which helps position the University to be a leader in these technologies as well as smart infrastructure and mobility management. CANVAS has been instrumental in public displays and exhibits at the North American International Auto Show, where I served as a representative for the legal research and other activities at the Law College involving automated and connected vehicles. I was also a speaker at the University's Mobility Technology media event showcasing all of the research work undertaken by CANVAS.

Engaged Faculty Member, MSU Mobility; Sociomobility Working Group (“CORE Team”), Michigan State University, 2019 –

Please see:

- Mobility.msu.edu [see also “Automated Vehicles and the Law” course excerpts and Law College students in courtroom settings featured in Mobility.msu.edu/campus-ecosystem/inex.html film
- <https://mobility.msu.edu/research/sociomobility-public-policy.html>

The work on the Sociomobility Group also included the implementation of a National Science Foundation grant to Michigan State University as a Site for “*Research Experiences for Undergraduates*” (“REU”). The program was presented in May, 2021. I taught segments on Automated Vehicles and the Law

The Sociomobility REU Site at Michigan State is an interdisciplinary program focusing on the societal impacts associated with autonomous vehicles (AVs). The program is designed to (1) examine social, political, legal, and economic concerns that may affect the widespread adoption of AVs; (2) assess issues related to social equity and the accessibility of AVs to groups with limited mobility alternatives, including adolescent, elderly, low-income, and disabled individuals; and (3) study the implications of AVs on public health, urban planning, workforce development, and the environment.

Guest Professor Lectures, Michigan State University College of Engineering, 2019 –

- Automated Vehicles and the Law
- Ethics in Automated Vehicle Designs

Instructor in the Law, Detroit College of Law (now Michigan State University College of Law),

Legal Research and Writing, 1980-83

TEACHING AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- *Recipient of Distinguished Faculty Member Award for 2010 – 2011*, Michigan State University College of Law
- *Recipient of Distinguished Faculty Member Recognition for 2011 – 2012*, Michigan State University College of Law

RESEARCH GRANT AWARD

- **Michigan Council on Future Mobility**

The Michigan Council on Future Mobility was created by legislation by the State of Michigan to ensure that Michigan will continue to be the world leader in autonomous, driverless, and connected vehicle technology. Its responsibilities include developing favorable state policy and legislative framework to promote these technologies. The Council “shapes the future of mobility through recommendations to the governor, legislature, and state agencies.” Specific Council actions included commissioning a study of current provisions of all laws that may need to be amended to accommodate the testing and introduction of such vehicles into commerce, including the Michigan Vehicle Code; Insurance Code; tort legislation; commercial transportation involving transit and shared ride services. After this review, the Council has the responsibility to provide to the legislature its proposals for amendments and new law.

In 2017, the Council selected the Michigan State University College of Law to undertake this study, under my supervision. Working with a team of research assistants, we examined among others the Motor Vehicle Code; Insurance Code, Limousine, Taxicab, and Transportation Network Company Act; Michigan Liquor Control Code, Motor Vehicle Repair Act Judicature Act; Government Liability for Negligence; and Michigan Penal Code. For each of these, we prepared White Papers that recommended if changes should be made to existing legislation and also if any new legislation should be adopted.

The White Papers explained in detail which existing provisions were adequate; which ought to be changed; and the reasons for proposed amendments. The research culminated with a final part that had the existing law and then all of the proposed amendments in one document for the Council and state legislature to consider for adoption. The Council also looked to the proposed amended legislation to create a model for other states so that there would be a seamless nationwide framework enabling autonomous and driverless vehicles to transit states without encountering conflicting laws and regulations that would impede the deployment of these vehicles. The study was completed in 2018.

Since 2020, I have been assisting the State of Maryland and researchers at the University of Baltimore Law School on their project to draft legislation and regulations for automated vehicles.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

American Bar Association, Section of Litigation

- **Products Liability Committee**

- Co-Chair: 1996 – August, 1999
- Vice-Chair: 1993 – 1996
- Annual Product Liability Committee Meeting Program Co-chair: 1989-1991
- Corporate Counsel Subcommittee Chair: 1990 - 1993
- Chair, 1997 National Institute on Class Actions
- Co-Chair, 1999 Annual Committee Meeting, *“Lessons Learned: Real Mass Torts Litigation”*
- Co-Chair, 1997 Annual Committee Meeting, *“Managing Monster Litigation”*
- Chair, 1997 Annual ABA Meeting Program, *“Lawyers & the Limelight: Getting, Avoiding, and Handling Media Attention”*
- Moderator, Mass Tort Litigation Program: 1995 Product Liability Committee Annual Meeting

- Speaker at Products Liability Committee Meeting Programs: 1991-1997 ABA Annual Meetings on Crisis Litigation Management, Case and Cost Management Systems, Class Actions, and Preventive Law Practice.
- Speaker and Panel Moderator, International Product Liability Conference, 2000
- Recipient of Section of Litigation Star Award

ABA Section of Litigation (Additional Leadership Positions)

- Division Co-Director, responsible for the Section's Procedural Committees, including Class Actions Committee, August 1999 – 2000
- Co-Chair, Litigation Management and Economics Committee, August 2000 – 2001
- Member, Ethics in Settlement Negotiations Task Force, 2000 – 2001

ABA Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section

- 2010 Emerging Issues in Motor Vehicle Product Liability Litigation Seminar
 - Moderator and Speaker, *Products Liability in Transition: Is there a Sea Change or Steady as She Goes?*
 - Moderator and Speaker, *The Tenth Anniversary of the Restatement of Torts: Products Liability -- A Look Back, a Look Ahead*
- 2012 Emerging Issues in Motor Vehicle Product Liability Litigation Seminar
 - Speaker, *"The Role of Consumer Expectations in Product Liability Design Defect Law and Litigation"*
 - Speaker: *"And now...The Law – A Review of The Supreme Court's Decisions on International Civil Litigation and Product Liability"*

Autonomous Vehicle Safety Regulation World Congress 2017

- This was the world's only conferenced exclusively dedicated to discussing the rules, regulations and legal issues of autonomous vehicles. The program brought together leading federal and state regulatory officials from the National Highway Traffic Administration, Michigan Department of Transportation, California Department of Motor Vehicles, Caltrans, the Society of Automotive Engineers, the trade associations for the auto industry members; automotive engineers and management, automotive corporate counsel, and legal experts on product regulation, product liability, privacy and cybersecurity, product liability prevention, and auto insurance.
- Organized the half-day segment on legal issues involving autonomous vehicles
- Keynote Speaker, "*Product Liability: A Bump in The Road Or a Big Pothole?*"
- Moderator, Panel Discussion, "*And Now The Law: Product Liability, Cybersecurity, Privacy, Ethics, Insurance and Regulatory Compliance*"

Autonomous Vehicle Safety Regulation World Congress 2018

- Organized three half-day segments on legal issues involving autonomous vehicles, including product liability law and prevention; protecting data privacy; cybersecurity best practices: preventing liability for unauthorized access to data from connected and autonomous vehicles; federal legislation and regulation of automated vehicles; model state legislation for automated vehicles; insurance coverage and claims trends in a connected-car world; and insurance law – analysis of insurance issues relating to autonomous vehicles.
- Keynote Speaker, with Thomas Vanderford (Hyundai Motors), "*Product Liability Litigation and Prevention – A Crash Course*"
- Moderator of panel discussion: "*Litigating Automated Vehicle Product Liability Cases: Tackling the Tough Issues*"
- Speaker and Moderator of Panel Discussion: "*Automated Vehicles and the Panoply of State Laws: Toward a Modern Model*"
- Moderator: "*Redefining the Insurance Landscape*"

Autonomous Vehicles Legal Issues & Liabilities World Congress 2019

This was the first World Congress dedicated exclusively to the legal issues, implications and liabilities arising from Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (“ADAS”), and future Autonomous Vehicles (“AV”). It was a full two-day program that including a primer on ADAS and AV technologies and the legal issues attendant to these new technologies: State Legislation and Regulation (presented by the Michigan Department of Education); Product Liability Law; Product Liability Defense and Prevention; Federal Regulation and Safety Policies; Cybersecurity and Privacy; Class Action Practice; Ethical Issues in Design Practices; Criminal Liability; and Insurance Law. The speakers represented the leading corporate counsel from major global automakers and suppliers of these technologies; former federal officials from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the former Chief of Enforcement from the Federal Trade Commission, which regulates privacy and cybersecurity; and counsel from the leading insurer involved with automated vehicles.

- Conference Chair and Program Advisor
- Co-speaker, lead presentation on “*Theories of Product Liability and Application to Real-World Incidents*”, with Jaqueline Glassman, Partner, King & Spalding, and former Chief Counsel, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

American Law Institute

- Elected Member, 1993 –
- Inducted as a **Life Member**, 2018 Annual Meeting, a milestone recognition of 25 years of service to the Institute
- Member of Consultative Group -- Restatement of the Law (Third), Torts: Product Liability; 1994 –1997
- Member of Consultative Group -- Restatement of the Law (Third), Torts: Apportionment; 1995-1999
- Member of Consultative Group -- Restatement of the Law (Third), The Law Governing Lawyers; 1994-1998

- Member of Consultative Group – Restatement of the Law (Third), Torts: General Principles, Liability for Physical Harm, 1997 – 2009
- Member of Consultative Group – International Jurisdiction and Judgments Project, June 2000 – 2005
- Member of Consultative Group – Transnational Rules of Civil Procedure Project, June 2000 – 2004
- Member of Consultative Group – Principles of the Law of Aggregate Litigation Project, May 2005 – 2009
- Member of Consultative Group – Restatement of the Law (Third), Torts: Economic Torts and Related Wrongs, 2011 –
- Discussion Leader and Speaker, “The Products Liability Restatement: *Was it a Success?*”, Brooklyn Law School Symposium Commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the Restatement (Third) of Torts: Product Liability, November 13 and 14, 2008. This Symposium was organized by Professors Aaron Twerski and Anita Bernstein of Brooklyn Law School. Professor Twerski served as Co-Reporter of the ALI Restatement (Third) of Torts: Products Liability. This program was also webcast and is available at: <http://totalwebcasting.com/live/bls/flash/video/20081113/part2.htm>. My part is in [Section 4](#).
- Adviser, Restatement of the Law: Tribal Law
- Member of Consultative Group – Fourth Restatement of the Foreign Relations Law of the United States
- Member of Consultative Group – Principles of the Law, Compliance, Enforcement, and Risk Management for Corporations, Nonprofits, and Other Organizations
- Member of Consultative Group – Student Sexual Misconduct: Procedural Frameworks for Colleges and Universities
- Member of Consultative Group – Principles of the Law, Civil Liability and Artificial Intelligence (**a new project, 2025**)

- ALI Webinar Chair: “*Overhauling the FRCP – a New Era Begins*”, with United States District Judge Paul Grimm (Chair of the Advisory Committee on Civil Rules Subcommittee on Discovery Rules) and John Barkett, Member, Advisory Committee on Civil Rules; January, 2014, http://www.ali-cle.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=courses.course&course_code=TWVI09
- ALI Webinar Chair: “The Supreme Court’s New Decisions – What Every Civil Litigator Needs to Know”, with Thomas H. Dupree, Jr., Gibson Dunn & Crutcher, Washington D.C. and Jonathan Hoffman, Martin, Bischoff, Templeton, Langslet & Hoffman, Portland, Oregon, July 2014, <http://www.ali-cle.org/TSWI01>
- ALI Webinar Chair: “*The Changing FRCP – What Every Civil Litigator Needs to Know*”, with United States District Judge Paul Grimm (Chair of the Advisory Committee on Civil Rules Subcommittee on Discovery Rules) and John Barkett, Member, Advisory Committee on Civil Rules; October 2, 2014, repeated November 11, 2014. http://www.ali-cle.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=courses.course&course_code=TSWI03
- Membership Committee Regional Advisory Group, Region 7 Member; 2014 –

In 2013, ALI revised its nominating process and Regional Advisory Groups were established to identify candidates for membership and propose for members for consideration by the Membership Committee. The Region’s goals include increasing our efforts to attract highly qualified new members who will support the continued excellence of ALI and reflect the increasing diversity of our profession and nation.

European Law Institute

- Fellow, Elected 2014 –
- Member, Consultative Group: “*Towards Restatements and Best Practice Guidelines on EU Administrative Procedural Law*”
- “The European Law Institute (ELI) is an independent non-profit organization established to initiate, conduct and facilitate research, make recommendations and provide practical guidance in the field of European legal development. Building on the wealth of diverse legal traditions, its mission is the quest for better law-making in Europe and the enhancement of European legal integration. By its endeavors, the ELI seeks to contribute to the formation of a more vigorous European legal community, integrating the achievements of the various legal cultures, endorsing the value of comparative knowledge, and taking a genuinely pan-European perspective. As such its work covers all branches of the law: substantive and procedural; private and public.” The ELI cooperates with non-European international organizations such as the American Law Institute.

Product Liability Advisory Council (PLAC)

- PLAC is a non-profit legal organization that consists of corporate counsel from major industries and leading trial and appellate counsel. Through submissions of *amicus curiae* briefs to appellate courts, it seeks to foster balance, reason, and common sense in product liability law. PLAC focuses on complex litigation and regulatory issues in product development and product liability. PLAC also presents major symposia for product manufacturers, suppliers, retailers, and select regulatory, litigation and appellate professionals to help promote product safety and liability prevention by providing guidance on changing laws and regulations.

PLAC has filed more than 1,100 amicus briefs, written by some of the nation's top appellate practitioners. PLAC's briefs have been accepted in virtually every state and federal court in the U.S., including the Supreme Court. They are routinely acknowledged, quoted, and praised by courts in published opinions.

Last, PLAC established Action Groups that focus on emerging issues in the law and ground-breaking technologies with novel legal issues. These include Action Groups involving proposed changes to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure; Class Action Legislative Amendments; Preemption; American Law Institute Projects; and most recently Autonomous Products and Automated Technologies.

- Chairman: 1988 to 1990
- Chair, Seminar Programs and Annual Meetings: 1988 to 1990
- Speaker, Seminar Programs and Annual Meetings: 1983, 1991, 1992, and 1995
- Co-Chair, American Law Institute Liaison Committee – Aggregate Litigation Project, 2005
- Speaker, 2005 Annual Meeting, Principles of the Law of Aggregate Litigation
- Recipient, 2006 Award of Recognition

- Moderator and Speaker, *“The Challenges for Corporate America: Then and Now”*, 2008 Fall Conference, Celebrating PLAC's 25th Anniversary – Special Program on Achieving Fairness in Product Liability Law for 25 Years
- Speaker, *“New Case Law – Important Supreme Court Decisions on Preemption and Personal Jurisdiction”*, 2011 Spring Conference
- Chair, Leading Panel on *“Overhauling the FRCP: After 75 Years, the Time Has Come”*, PLAC 30th Anniversary Program, Fall 2013 Conference, with United States District Judge Paul Grimm (Chair of the Advisory Committee on Civil Rules Subcommittee on Discovery Rules) and John Barkett, Member, Advisory Committee on Civil Rules.
- Speaker, *“The (Almost) Final Amendments to the FRCP”*, Fall 2014 Conference
- Speaker, *“Hot Issues in Autonomous Vehicles and Products”*, Spring 2018 Conference
- Co-Founder, *“Autonomous Vehicles and Products Action Group”*, Spring 2018; this is a formal PLAC committee of corporate counsel advising autonomous product manufacturers on product safety and regulation, as well as law firm members who are or will be involved in providing legal advice or litigating cases involving autonomous products. The Action Group will meet throughout the year and provide presentations and reports at the Fall and Spring PLAC meetings.
- Speaker and Moderator, Spring 2019 Conference
 - *“State and Local Laws and Regulations: Proposed Model Legislation and Codes”*
 - *“Automated Vehicles and the Law: Product Liability Defense and Prevention”*
- Sustaining Member, 2013 – present

Product Liability Institute for Corporate Counsel

Co-Chair and Speaker: 1993, 1994, and 1995 Programs on *“Cutting Edge Strategies in Prevention and Defense”*

Defense Research Institute

Speaker, “*The Future is Now – Products Liability Under the New Restatement*”, 1997 Products Liability Seminar: Dealing with the Tuff Stuff

American Conference Institute – Automotive Product Liability Litigation Seminar

- Speaker, 2010 Fall Seminar
 - *Managing Litigation Costs, Selection of Counsel, Formulating Case Strategy*
 - *Averting and Managing Crisis in the Event of an Automotive Recall* (Toyota Case Study)
 - *Tackling the Preemption Issue: Examining the Current Viability of the Defense in Auto Product Liability Cases*
- Co-Chair and Speaker, 2011 Spring Seminar
 - Moderator and Speaker, *The Supreme Court’s Newest Decisions and the Re-Shaped Landscape on the Preemption Defense and International Personal Jurisdiction*
 - Chair, *The View from the Bench, a Unique Opportunity to Hear How Judges Interpret Evidence and Arguments in the Automotive Context*, (panel discussions by ten federal judges)

Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel,

- Elected Member, 2014 –
- Speaker: “And Now, the Law – ‘*Product Liability Design Defect Law and Litigation – Recent Decisions and Cases to Watch*’; ‘*A Review of The Supreme Court’s Decisions on International Civil Litigation and Product Liability, Past and Future*’”, 9th Annual Corporate Counsel Symposium, 2012
- Moderator and Speaker: “*The Risks and Challenges Facing Today’s Corporate Counsel*”, 11th Annual Corporate Counsel Symposium, 2014
- Moderator and Speaker of Lead Program: “*The Transformation of Transportation – Automated Vehicles, Vehicle to Vehicle Communication, and the Impact on Society, Manufacturers, Lawyers, and Insurers*”, Annual Meeting, 2015

- Moderator and Speaker, “*Are You Ready? Practical Strategies When Assessing How Best to Respond to Government Investigations*”, 12th Annual Corporate Counsel Symposium, 2015
- Speaker, “*Automated Vehicles and the Law – Developments in the Law*”, Webinar, April, 2021

International Association of Defense Counsel

- “*The Proposed Changes to FRCP 23: Important Developments*”, Webinar, April 2016

The Dykema Litigation Institute: Continuing Legal Education for Litigators and Litigation Managers

- Co-Director, 2015 – 2018
- Moderator and Speaker: “*Developments in the Law – The Amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure*”, Webinar, June 2015
- Speaker: *Developments in the Law – The Supreme Court’s New Decisions and their Impact on Civil Litigation*”, Webinar, August, 2015
- Speaker: *Developments in the Law – Criminal Investigations of and Penalties on Management, Corporate Employees, and In-House Counsel*, Webinar, December 2015
- Speaker: *Technology and the Law – Autonomous Vehicles and V2V Technology, Breaking News*, Webinar, April, 2016
- Speaker: *The Proposed Changes to FRCP 23: Important Developments*, Webinar, June 21, 2016
- Moderator and Speaker: *Developments in the Law: The Supreme Court’s New Decisions and Their Impact on Civil Litigation*, Webinar July 19, 2016
- Speaker: *Technology and the Law: Accelerating the Next Revolution in Roadway Safety*, Webinar, October 18, 2016
- Contributor: *Advanced Strategies in Defending Class Action Litigation: Unresolved Issues in Consumer Product Class Action Litigation*, Webinar, November 15, 2016

- Moderator: [*Technology and the Law: Update on Vehicle-to-Vehicle Regulation and Michigan Autonomous Vehicle Legislation*](#), Webinar, January 24, 2017
- Speaker: *Legislation and Regulation of Highly-Automated Vehicles, and Vehicle-to-Vehicle Rulemaking Status*, Webinar, February 9, 2018

Special Global Presentations on the Transportation Recall Enhancement Accountability and Documentation Act (TREAD)

- Speaker, American Bar Association Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section, 2003 Emerging Issues in Motor Vehicle Product Liability Litigation Conference: *TREAD in the Courts – How the TREAD Act and Regulations Will Affect Motor Vehicle Product Cases*, March 2003
- Speaker, The TREAD Act Summit, Northstar Conferences: *Reporting Requirements Under the TREAD Act*; and *Foreign Recall and Safety Campaigns*, May 2003
- Co-Leader and Presenter, TREAD compliance training and product liability prevention for Nissan and Renault global operations, with seminars in the United States for all relevant departments, Nissan Mexicana, Nissan Canada, Nissan Motor Ltd. In Japan, Nissan Technical Center in North America, Renault Legal Department and Technocentre, Nissan Europe in Spain, Nissan Technical Center, England, and all Nissan national sales companies throughout Europe, 2000-2005

TEXTBOOKS

- Aspen Custom Publishing Textbook and Supplement: Wittner, **“Civil Litigation for Foreign-Educated Lawyers”**, Wolters Kluwer (1st Ed. 2011)
- Aspen Custom Publishing Textbook and Supplement: Wittner, **“Civil Litigation for Foreign-Educated Lawyers”**, Wolters Kluwer (2nd Ed. 2012). The *“Federal Courts Jurisdiction and Venue Clarification Act of 2011”* fundamentally changed the federal statutes on subject matter jurisdiction, removal, and venue. This required a substantial revision of the First Edition.
- Aspen Custom Publishing Textbook and Supplement: Wittner, **“Civil Litigation for Foreign-Educated Lawyers”**, Wolters Kluwer (3rd Ed. 2016). The adoption of the amended Federal Rules of Civil Procedure in December, 2015, which substantially revised the procedures for case management and discovery (especially e-discovery) necessitated a revision of the Second Edition. There were some other legal developments that are included in both the textbook and supplement, and the textbook has been significantly streamlined. **The Fourth Edition was published in 2017 to include additional procedural developments.**

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- **“The Proposed Amendments to the FRCP – A New Era”**, Law Journal Newsletters, Product Liability Law & Strategy, (October 2014)
- Wheeler and Wittner, **“A Look Through Tinted Glass: What Does the Future Hold for Preemption in Motor Vehicle Litigation”**, BNA Product Safety and Liability Reporter, 39 PSLR 515, (May 16, 2011)
- Wittner, Cross, and Wheeler, **“Preemption in Automotive Product Liability Cases After Williamson and Priester”**, presented at the April 27-29, 2011 Product Liability Advisory Council Meeting
- **“The Toyota Recalls Crisis Update: Regulation and Litigation – Full Speed Ahead”**, LNJ’s Product Law and Strategy, Vol. 29, No. 11 (May, 2011)
- **“The Toyota Recall Crisis: More than a Re-TREAD”**, LNJ’s Product Law and Strategy, Vol. 29, No. 2 (August 2010)
- **“Navigating the New Restatement”**, Leader’s Product Liability Law and Strategy, Volume XVI, No. 2 (August 1997)
- **“Navigating the New Restatement – Failure to Recall”**, Leader’s Product Liability Law and Strategy, Volume XVII, No. 9 (March 1999)
- **“A ‘Crash’ Course: Enhanced Injury Litigation and the New Restatement”**, Product Safety and Liability Reporter, Vol. 27, No. 20 (May 14, 1999) (BNA)
- **“Crashworthiness Litigation: Principles and Proofs”**; an article originally presented at the Society of Automotive Engineers Annual Congress. SAE recognized it with an award for excellence and both SAE and BNA published this article. It has appeared in ABA National Institute course books, and a revised paper was published in a new Defense Research Institute Monograph on Crashworthiness Litigation. I have made presentations of this work to engineers and lawyers in Germany and Japan, as well as throughout the United States, including the ABA National Institute on Emerging Issues in Automotive Products Liability Litigation.
- **“New Guidelines Help Define Lawyers’ Role in Product Safety”**, Leader’s Product Liability Law and Strategy, Special Reprint (September 1994)
- **“TREAD: The Long Road Ahead”**, Product Liability Law and Strategy (June, 2001)

- **“TREAD: The ‘*Reporting Rulemaking*’ – Early Warning or Information Overload?”**, Product Liability Law and Strategy (November, 2001)
- **“TREAD: Foreign Recall and Other Safety Campaigns – A Sweeping New NPRM”**, Product Liability Law and Strategy (December, 2001)
- **“TREAD: The ‘*Early Warning* NPRM’ – A Step in the Right Direction”**, Product Liability Law and Strategy (March, 2002)
- **“TREAD’s ‘*Early Warning Reporting*’ Final Rule: End of the Road?”**, Product Liability Law and Strategy (August, 2002)
- **“TREAD: NHTSA Issues the ‘*Foreign Recall Reporting*’ Final Rule**, Product Liability Law and Strategy (TBD 2002)

EDUCATION

Wayne State University Law School, Juris Doctor, *Cum Laude*, May, 1979

- Senior Associate Editor, *Wayne Law Review*
- Silver Scholarship Key Award

Michigan State University, Bachelor of Science, *with High Honor*, December, 1975

MARTINDALE-HUBBELL RATING

AV Preeminent®

Martindale-Hubbell states that an A rating means “Very High to Preeminent” legal ability and V reflects “Very High” ethical standards. “An AV certification mark is a significant rating that the lawyer's peers rank him or her at the highest level of professional excellence.”

- Selected by Martindale-Hubbell and ALM Media as a “*Legal Leader*”® in 2018 and 2019, referencing work on Automated Vehicles and the Law
- Selected by Martindale-Hubbell and ALM Media as a “*Top-Rated Lawyer*”® in the Midwest, 2018 and 2019, featured in the National Law Journal, recognizing leadership in Automated Vehicles and the Law. The only law professor featured in the Journal.

Legal 500 United States 2015 (“Legal 500”) RATING

Dykema’s Automotive Industry Group has been ranked by the *Legal 500* in the area of Litigation - product liability and mass tort defense - automotive/transport. Michael Cooney, leader of the firm’s Litigation Department, Terri Reiskin, head of the Automotive Industry Group, and I were also recognized individually in this category.

For its rankings, *Legal 500* organizes each practice area into a single national ranking. A small number of firms in the U.S. are recognized to have a national presence coupled with the capability to handle sophisticated and complex work. *Legal 500* is widely acknowledged as the world’s largest legal referral guide. More than 250,000 corporate counsel were surveyed and interviewed globally to prepare the rankings. The Legal 500 is an independent guide, and firms and individuals are recommended purely on merit. The *Legal 500 Series’* analysis of law firm capabilities extends to 107 jurisdictions worldwide. The series is widely chosen for its definitive judgment of law firm and individual attorney capabilities.

LEGAL BOARD POSITIONS

Bureau of National Affairs, *Product and Safety Liability Reporter*, Member, Board of Advisers, 1993–

Bureau of National Affairs, *Class Action Reporter*, Member, Board of Advisers, 2003 – 2017

Leader’s Product Liability Law and Strategy, Member, Board of Advisers, 1994 – 2017

QUOTES

- The Indiana Lawyer, “*Gearing Up: Automated Technology Experts Offer Advice, Anticipation for Future*”, (February 3, 2021)
- Spartan Lawyer, “*New Frontiers: Cannabis, Cars, and Companion Animals*”, (Winter, 2019)
- Autonomous Vehicle International, “*Understanding the Legal Implications of ADAS and Autonomous Vehicles*”, (October 4, 2019)

- United States Law Week, “*Bristol-Myers Case Could Have Wide Effect, Attorneys Say*”, (January 30, 2017)
- BNA Product Safety & Liability Reporter, “*Bristol-Myers Case Could Have Wide Effect, Attorneys Say*”, (January 30, 2017)
- BNA Product Safety & Liability Reporter, “*Head-Scratchers in General Jurisdiction after Daimler*”, (January 18, 2016)
- Legal News On-Line, “*Class Actions Alleging Economic Loss on the Rise, Professor Says*”, (February 5, 2016)
- “*Toyota’s Legal Woes Aren’t Over*”, Detroit News, (December 31, 2012)
- “*Toyota’s Still Not Off the Hook*”, Automotive News, (December 28, 2012)
- BNA Product Safety & Liability Reporter, “*Glazing Standard Preempts Ejection Suit, State Top Court Says on SCOTUS Remand*”, (December 3, 2012)
- BNA Product Safety & Liability Reporter, “*Jurisdiction Exists Over Taiwanese Company, Oregon Court Says, Distinguishing Nicastro*”, (August 6, 2012)
- BNA Product Safety and Liability Reporter, “*High Court: Railroad Law Preempts Claims Over Asbestos Exposure in Repair Work*”, 40 PSLR 267 (2012)
- BNA U.S. Law Week, “*Personal Jurisdiction Is Lacking in Suit Against Foreign Distributor in Mississippi*”, 80 U.S. Law Week 1035 (2012)
- BNA Product Safety and Liability Reporter, “*On Second Try, Tennessee Court Still See Preemption in Bus Case; Appeal Brewing*”, 39 PSLR 47 (December 25, 2011)
- BNA Product and Safety Liability Reporter, “*U.S. Supreme Court Asks Oregon Court to Consider Recent Jurisdiction Opinion*”
- BNA Product Safety and Liability Reporter, “*Alien v. Alien: No Diversity Jurisdiction Despite Language of Statute, Court Says*”, 39 PSLR 37 (September 19, 2011)
- BNA Product and Safety Liability Reporter, “*Supreme Court Takes Aim at Class Actions, Jurisdiction, Preemption in Pro-Business Term*”, 39 PSLR 797 (July 25, 2011)

- BNA Product Safety & Liability Reporter, “‘Stream of Commerce’ Personal Jurisdiction Only Partially Clarified by Supreme Court”, (expanded article) 39 PSLR 687 (July 4, 2011)
- BNA United States Law Week, “‘Stream of Commerce’ Personal Jurisdiction Only Partially Clarified by Supreme Court”, Vol. 79 No. 49 (June 28, 2011)
- Automotive News, “New Florida Product-Liability Law May Help Automakers in Court”, (June 28, 2011)
- BNA Product Safety and Liability Reporter, “Supreme Court Takes up Preemption Again, This Time in Generic Drug Labeling Dispute”, 39 PSLR 321 (March 28, 2011)
- BNA Toxics Law Reporter, *Supreme Court Takes Up Preemption Again, This Time in Generic Drug Labeling Dispute*, (March 24, 2011)
- New York Law Journal, “Supreme Court Speaks (Again) on Preemption of Lawsuits” (March 14, 2011)
- BNA Product Safety & Liability Reporter, “South Carolina High Court Told to Reexamine Ruling on Preemption of Auto Glass Claims”, 39 PSLR 238, (March 7, 2011)
- BNA Product Safety & Liability Reporter, “State Law Seat Belt Claims Not Preempted, High Court Says, Focusing on Agency Goals”, 39 PSLR 210 (February 28, 2011)
- BNA Product Safety & Liability Reporter, “Williamson’s Focus on Agency Record Clarifies Preemption Analysis, Experts Say”, 38 PSLR 211 (February 28, 2011)
- Detroit News, “First Major Toyota Lawsuits Get Court Dates” (February 11, 2011)
- BNA Product Safety & Liability Reporter, “Supreme Court Takes Preemption Case Over Rule Allowing Two Types of Seat Belts” 38 PSLR 558 (May 28, 2010)

PROFILE ARTICLES

- Global Outreach: *Product Liability Lawyer Finds Second Calling in Classroom*, August 16, 2011, <http://www.legalnews.com/detroit/1041168>
- Faculty Profile: “*Global Lawyer Transitions from Courtroom to Classroom*”, Amicus, Michigan State University College of Law, Fall, 2011

LEADERSHIP SKILLS EDUCATION

Center for Creative Leadership, La Jolla, California: *Leadership Development Program*, April 2003

BAR ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

- State Bar of Michigan, 1979 – present
- State Bar of California, 1992 – present (inactive between 2006 – July 2012)
- American Bar Association, 1985 – present

CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Member of Board of Trustees, St. Joseph Health System, January 2014 – June 2016

Established in 1982, St. Joseph Health is a not-for-profit Catholic health care system. Based in Irvine, California, St. Joseph Health provides a full range of care facilities including 16 acute care hospitals along with home health agencies, hospice care, outpatient services, skilled nursing facilities, community clinics, and physician groups. It serves California, West Texas, and Eastern New Mexico with over 20,000 employees. In each community it touches, St. Joseph Health reaches out to care for the poor and vulnerable. St. Joseph Health delivered services to some 4.6 million patients.

SPECIAL PROGRAM

- Participated in the three-month *Tantur Ecumenical Institute* sabbatical program at the **University of Notre Dame, Jerusalem, Israel**. This was a semester-long residential program on campus in fall, 2022. Fourteen program participants included in-depth courses involving cultural, historical, political, legal, and religious dimensions of Islam, Judaism, Druze, and Christianity. The courses were augmented with experiential learning and site visits throughout Israel, the Palestinian Territories, and Jordan. Moreover, there were special dialogue programs presented by Notre Dame, for example, featuring the former Speaker of the Israeli Knesset. The program encompassed unique opportunities to enter the Dome of the Rock atop the Western Wall as part of a tour by scholars, hosted by the Jordanian official responsible for the Haram al Sharif (Temple Mount) and the Al-Aqsa Mosque. The events also included private sessions inside the Church of the Holy Sepulcher; meetings between the sabbatical program participants and Patriarchs of different Christian sects in the Old City (for example, the Greek Orthodox Patriarch; Coptic clergy; and clergy from Latin (Catholic) Patriarchate. Each provided extensive sessions on the 2 – 3,000 preceding year history of the Holy Land, its conflicts, and potential pathways to peace. Last, Jewish, Muslim, and Christian lawyers at the Catholic Center for Human Rights explained international treaties for International Human Rights Law, International Humanitarian Law, and the Law Against Genocide, as well as related legal entities such as the International Court of Justice and the International Criminal Court.

DONOR SOCIETIES

- Heritage Club, Michigan State University College of Law
- Snyder Society, Michigan State University
- John Hannah Society, Michigan State University
- Landon Society, Michigan State University
- Spartan Fund, Michigan State University

AVOCATION

Divemaster, Professional Association of Dive Instructors