



## Benjamin W. Jeffers

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### INDUSTRIES & PRACTICES

Automotive Supply Chain  
Counseling & Litigation

Class Actions

Contract Disputes

Manufacturer Sales  
Representative Disputes

Healthcare Industry Disputes

Insurance and ERISA Disputes

### BAR ADMISSIONS & ASSOCIATIONS

Member of the Bar, State of Michigan

American Bar Association

Detroit Bar Association

### EDUCATION

University of Michigan, B.A. in Economics,  
*with Distinction*, 1994

University of Michigan Law School, J.D.,  
*cum laude*, 1997

Ben Jeffers is a business lawyer focused on litigation and dispute resolution in the automotive, consumer products, manufacturing, healthcare, and insurance sectors. Since 1997, he has helped companies and institutions resolve complex disputes in courts and arbitration throughout the country. Ben is very active and visible in the Southeast Michigan legal community. He served for a decade on the board of the Detroit Bar Association and as its President in 2012-2013. A founding member of HHBJ, Mr. Jeffers spent the first 19 years of his career at a national law firm headquartered in Detroit where he specialized in high-stakes, complex litigation.

### EXPERIENCE

Mr. Jeffers' practice focuses primarily on commercial matters, with a particular emphasis on contract, business tort, unfair trade practice claims, and class actions in multiple industries. He also has significant experience with insurance and ERISA claim matters. Whether he is working for an individual entrepreneur or for a fortune 500 company in nationwide litigation such as *In re Automotive Parts Antitrust Litigation* or *In re Takata Airbag Litigation*, Mr. Jeffers recognizes that every dispute must be evaluated as a business issue, and that every litigation strategy must advance an underlying business objective.

Examples of Mr. Jeffers' practice areas include the following:

- Breach of contract and business tort claims, including fraud, tortious interference, and unfair competition;
- Automotive (OEM, Tier 1 and Tier 2) pricing, supply chain, cost recovery, and recall disputes;
- Warranty and product defect claims;
- Class actions concerning automobiles, consumer products, antitrust allegations, and environmental contamination;
- Insurance and ERISA claims;
- Insurance company insolvencies, guaranty fund issues and other insurance coverage and indemnity disputes; and
- Hospital medical staff disputes and internal peer review proceedings, as well as business "divorce" cases involving physician groups and hospitals.

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## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Mr. Jeffers is an alum of the Detroit Chamber of Commerce "Leadership Detroit" program, a community leadership program for executives in Southeast Michigan with more than 1,800 alumni. Launched in 1979, the program seeks to educate local leaders on important issues that affect the Detroit region. He also serves as a Director on the Detroit Bar Association and was its President in 2012-2013. He likewise served through 2015 as a Director on the DBA Foundation. During his time with the DBA, Mr. Jeffers chaired the DBA's Judicial Evaluation Committee for many years, was a founding member and organizer of the DBA Inns of Court program, and has been active in planning Bench/Bar events in the Detroit legal community.

## SEMINARS, SPEECHES & PUBLICATIONS

*"NHTSA's New Era of Regulatory Scrutiny and the Challenges It Places Upon Auto Suppliers"* Fall 2016, *The Michigan Business Law Journal*

*Emerging Legal Issues Presentation*, NCIGF Legal Seminar, San Francisco, CA, July 9, 2015

*Advanced Strategies for Defending Product-Related Class Action Litigation*, Chicago, IL, October 15, 2014

*New Case Law Update*, NCIGF Legal Seminar, July 24, 2013, C'oeur d'Alene, ID, July 24, 2013

"Contractual Supply Disputes in the Automotive Industry: Lesson Learned" Summer 2006, *The Michigan Business Law Journal* Vol. 26 No. 2

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® Litigation - Insurance and Commercial Litigation

Recognized as Best Lawyers in America® 2017 Detroit Litigation - Insurance Lawyer of the Year

Recognized in Michigan Super Lawyers® for Business Litigation and Class Actions

Named a Top Lawyer by dbusiness Magazine 2015

Named a Michigan Leading Lawyer in the area of Commercial Litigation Law by the Leading Lawyers Network, 2014-2016

