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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

ASSOCIATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS

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, healthcare, and insurance sectors. Since 1997, he has helped companies and hospitals resolve complex disputes locally and throughout the country. Ben is very active and visible in the Southeast Michigan legal community. He has served for more than a decade on the board of the Detroit Bar Association and as its President in 2012-2013. A founding member of the firm, 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. In 2020, Ben was again recognized in Super Lawyers® as one of the Top 100 lawyers in Michigan and recognized by Best Lawyers in America®.

EXPERIENCE

Mr. Jeffers' practice focuses primarily on commercial matters and healthcare disputes, with a particular emphasis on contract, unfair trade practice claims, hospital medical staff matters and class actions. He also has significant experience with insurance and ERISA claim matters. Whether he is working for an individual entrepreneur, hospital, or a Fortune 500 company in nationwide litigation such as *In re Automotive Parts Antitrust 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:

- Automotive (OEM, Tier 1 and Tier 2) pricing, supply chain, cost recovery, and recall disputes;
- Hospital medical staff disputes and internal peer review proceedings, as well as related litigation and business "divorce" cases involving physician groups and hospitals;
- Counseling on the effective protection of trade secrets, competitive interests and other intangible assets and the avoidance of claims for misappropriation or unfair competition;
- Warranty and product defect claims;
- Class actions concerning automobiles, consumer products, antitrust allegations, and environmental contamination; Insurance and ERISA claims;
- Warranty and product defect claims
- Breach of contract and business tort claims, including fraud, and tortious interference

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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 Michigan Super Lawyers® as one of the Top 100 lawyers in Michigan 2017-2020, and a Super Lawyer from 2012-present

Recognized in Best Lawyers in America® as the Detroit Litigation – Insurance Lawyer of the Year for 2017 and 2019

Recognized in the Best Lawyers in America® Litigation – Insurance and Commercial Litigation – 2018-2019

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



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