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Education

Wayne State University School of Law
Detroit, Michigan
J.D., *cum laude*, 1977

Calvin College
Grand Rapids, Michigan
B.A., English, *cum laude*, 1974

Legal Employment

Varnum
Grand Rapids, Michigan 1977
Partner

Certified in Advanced Alternative Dispute Resolution

Admitted to Practice:
United States Supreme Court
United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
Michigan Supreme Court

Practice Areas

General litigation, including commercial/business, employment, injury and product liability law, construction and condemnation

Professional Affiliations

State Bar of Michigan (Litigation Section)

Business Counsel, Inc. (Board of Director)

Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference (Life Member)

Representative Matters

Rose v NCR Corp. (United States District Court, Western District of Michigan--Honorable Douglas W. Hillman, 1981); represented Defendant in an age discrimination litigation - tried to a jury and appealed to United States Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, certiorari denied by United States Supreme Court

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Burke v Indiana and Michigan Electric Co. (United States District Court, Western District of Michigan--Honorable Richard A. Enslen, 1987); represented Indiana and Michigan Electric Co. (D.C. Cook Nuclear Plant) in defending a discharge case by a former employee

Shelton v Indiana and Michigan Electric Co. (United States District Court, Western District of Michigan--Honorable Richard A. Enslen, 1988); represented Indiana and Michigan Electric Co. (D.C. Cook Nuclear Plant) in defending a race discrimination case brought by a former employee

Bogner v Prater Industries (United States District Court, Western District of Michigan - Honorable Richard A. Enslen, 1988); represented Prater Industries in defending a products liability action for damages resulting from an amputation in a feed mixer

Mitchell Dykstra v Murray Chris Craft Corporation (Ottawa County Circuit Court—Honorable Calvin L. Bosman, 1983); represented Murray Chris Craft Corporation in defending a handicap discrimination lawsuit - tried to a jury

Bertuca v Indiana Michigan Power Company (Berrien County Circuit Court--Honorable Zoe S. Burkholz, 1989); represented Indiana Michigan Power Company (D.C. Cook Nuclear Plant) in defense of a wrongful discharge claim brought by Plaintiff

Mary Shook v AlloyTek, Inc. (Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 1983); represented AlloyTek, Inc. concerning a sexual harassment claim brought by Mary Shook, a former employee

Susemihl v L.G. Cook, Inc. (Cass County Circuit Court, Honorable Michael E. Dodge, 1981); represented L.G. Cook Distributors concerning a pension claim by former employee, Melvin Susemihl

Grannis v Michigan Bell Telephone Company (United States District Court, Western District of Michigan--Honorable Wendell A. Miles); represented Michigan Bell Telephone Company in a claim by a former employee, Grannis, relating to certain termination benefits

Clark v Prince Corporation (58th District Court--Honorable Kenneth D. Post, 1984); represented Prince Corporation in a claim for termination benefits by former employee