



## Kraus Certified as "Appellate Specialist" by American Institute of Appellate Practice

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**LANSING, Mich. – Richard Kraus**, a shareholder in Foster Swift's Lansing Office, has been approved as a certified "Certified Appellate Specialist" by the American Institute of Appellate Practice (AIAP). Kraus is one of five Litigation Counsel of America (LCA) Fellows to have been approved. Certification as an Appellate Specialist is limited to select LCA Fellows who have been recognized by their peers as meeting the exceedingly stringent criteria for exceptional competency in the practice of appellate law. Qualification is based on a documented history of stellar accomplishments in appellate litigation, an unquestionable reputation for superior ethical standards, and positive recommendations from both appellate judges and esteemed colleagues who are familiar with their work. This certification comes in addition to Kraus being named Chair of the AIAP. Earlier this year, Kraus received the Theodore W. Swift Civility Award from the Ingham County Bar Association, given to a distinguished member of the association.

Richard Kraus has 30 years of experience in the areas of health care law, appeals, commercial litigation, constitutional litigation and economic crimes defense. As an appellate lawyer, Kraus has handled difficult cases at all levels of state and federal appeals courts, with recognized expertise in the written and oral advocacy necessary for success in appeals. He completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Michigan and received his Juris Doctorate degree from Northwestern School of Law, Lewis and Clark College.