



## Michael G. Harrison Certified as Experienced IMI Mediator

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**LANSING, Mich.** — The International Mediation Institute recently approved and certified Michael G. Harrison of local law firm Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, P.C. as an experienced mediator meeting international mediator competency standards. His primary practice area is alternative dispute resolution in mediation, arbitration and governmental matters.

IMI is an international public policy organization aimed at dispute resolution, the goal of which is to generate enhanced confidence in mediators and efficiently assist clients to find suitable mediators who put emphasis on mutual gains, negotiation and opportunity. The Institute certifies those it views as high competency mediators who must be approved by the IMI Independent Standards Commission.

An Albion College undergraduate, Harrison earned his juris doctorate from the University of Michigan Law School. Prior to joining Foster Swift in 2001, he was an Ingham County Circuit Judge, Judge of the Michigan Court of Claims and Chief Judge. He was president of the Michigan Judges' Association and Chair of the National Conference of State Trial Judges. Harrison practices as a senior attorney in the firm's Lansing location.

Harrison is admitted to practice law in the state of Michigan as well as the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan and the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. He is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, American Bar Association and Ingham County Bar Association, and is Trustee of the Michigan State Bar Foundation. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Lansing Symphony Association, Chief Okemos Council, Boy Scouts of America and is president of the Lansing Sesquicentennial Foundation. Harrison is also an adjunct professor at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School.