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Services

Litigation and Dispute Resolution

Industries

Automotive

Education

Wayne State University Law
School, J.D., 1979

Michigan State University, James
Madison College, B.A., 1976

Bar Admissions

Michigan



Stephen J. Ott

Of Counsel

Stephen Ott assists clients in defending product-related litigation and regulatory matters, with a specific emphasis on the discovery and information-gathering aspects of this work.

He has specialized in developing processes designed to assist clients in handling discovery on a pro-active basis.

Steve represents manufacturers in product liability, product warranty and product-related class action matters.

He has also organized and oversees the operation of teams that provide national discovery and case management services to clients in product liability, product warranty, class action and patent litigation matters, and assists clients with government regulatory inquiries.

Honors

DBusiness Magazine, Top Lawyers, Product Liability, 2023; 2026

State Bar of Michigan Pro Bono Honor Roll, 2021-2025

Best Lawyers in America

Lawyer of the Year, Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants, 2014, 2019 & 2024

Recognized for Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions - Defendants, Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants, 2007-present

Stephen J. Ott

Michigan Super Lawyers, Personal Injury Defense: Products, 2006-2014

Wayne State University Law School, Executive Editor, Wayne Law Review

Professional Activities

American Bar Association

State Bar of Michigan

University of Detroit Mercy Law School Federal Pro Se Legal Assistance Clinic - Lecturer on the Discovery Process

Civic, Cultural & Social Activities

City of Northville Board of Zoning Appeals, 2022-present

- Chair, 2025-present

City of Northville Beautification Commission, 2022-present

City of Northville Fire Department, Chief, 2014-2021

HEMS, Inc., Trustee, 2001-2021; Treasurer, 2016-2020

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan, Chancellor, 1999-present

Speeches

"New Approaches to Discovery--Making the Process Work," American Bar Association, 2003 Emerging Issues in Motor Vehicle Product Liability Litigation, Phoenix, Arizona, March 21, 2003

"Overview of the TREAD Act, AIAG, Southfield, Michigan, February 19, 2003

"Legal Issues Surrounding the Roll Out of Drive by Wire Technology in the Automotive Industry," Society of Automotive Engineers, Distributed Embedded Systems and Software Group, Detroit, Michigan, March 7, 2002

Publications

Book

Successful Partnering Between Inside and Outside Counsel, (Co-authors: Holly E. Leese and Louann Van Der Wiele of Chrysler Group, LLC), Chapter 61 titled "Discovery and Information Gathering," American Corporate Counsel and West Group

Articles

Stephen J. Ott

"Five Principles for Effective Discovery Management," Michigan Lawyers Weekly, October 31, 2005

"Professional Responsibility, Annual Survey of Michigan Law," 44 Wayne Law Review 995 (1998), and 45 Wayne Law Review 1127 (1999)

"Torts, Annual Survey of Michigan Law," (Co-Authors: James D. Robb and Richard F. X. Urisko), 37 Wayne Law Review, 1119 (1991)