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Services

Litigation and Dispute Resolution
Appeals
Governmental Litigation
Product Liability and Torts

Education

Harvard Law School, J.D.
North Carolina Central University,
B.A.
North Carolina State University

Bar Admissions

New York
Michigan

Court Admissions

U.S. Supreme Court
U.S. District Courts

- Second Circuit
- Fifth Circuit
- Sixth Circuit
- Seventh Circuit

W. Mack Faison

Of Counsel



A seasoned litigator with extensive experience in all aspects of commercial, product liability and tort law, Mack typically serves as the lead counsel or as a senior counsel in complex matters that require a team of principals, associates, legal assistants and support staff.

Representative Matters

Mack regularly represents businesses, insurance companies, municipalities and manufacturers in breach of contract and tort-related lawsuits, including asbestos cases. Mack also does appellate work, arbitrations, mediations and some pro bono work.

Municipal Fraud Investigation and Civil RICO Litigation

On behalf of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (“DWSD”), Miller Canfield conducted an investigation of the charges set forth in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury under the auspices of the United States Department of Justice alleging public corruption and other wrongful conduct involving the Kwame Kilpatrick mayoral administration and various DWSD contractors and vendors. As a result of its investigation, Miller Canfield filed in federal court on behalf of the City of Detroit (including DWSD) a civil RICO action against approximately 20 defendant companies and individuals, alleging civil RICO violations, including bribery, extortion, obstruction of justice, mail fraud, wire fraud, money laundering and other charges. After protracted discovery and motion practice, the civil RICO action was eventually settled against a number of the defendants for substantial sums of money. In connection with its work for DWSD, Miller Canfield also drafted the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department Suspension and Debarment Policy, which governs contractual relations between

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DWSD and its contractors and vendors.

Manufacturer National Product Liability Class Action Litigation

Defending a product manufacturer in a series of national class actions, multiple party and attorneys general lawsuits involving commercial tort and product liability claims.

Public Entity Commercial Transaction Litigation

Representing a school district in a series of cases seeking recoveries against vendors on breach of contract and fraudulent activity claims.

Commercial Real Estate Litigation

Representing a major financing/real estate company in an action involving a buy/sell agreement for a national shopping mall.

Government Agency Class Action Litigation

Representing a governmental entity in a class action welfare rights case.

Reported and Published Decisions

Grain v Trinity Health, 431 Fed. Appx. 434 (6th Cir. 2011); 551 F.3d 374 (6th Cir. Mich. 2008)

Johnson v Detroit Edison Co., 288 Mich. App. 688 (2010)

Kullman v Owens-Corning Fiberglass Corp., 943 F. 2d 613 (6th Cir. 1991)

Bradley v Phillip Morris, Inc., 194 Mich. App 44, 486 N.W. 2d 48 (1992)

Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America v Mall of America Associates, 2006 WL 1888491 (D. Minn.)

Southern States Police Benevolent Ass'n., Inc. v Second Chance Body Armor, Inc., 336 F. Supp. 2d 731 (W.D. Mich. 2004)

Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America v Coleman, 451 F. Supp. 7 (E.D. Mich. 1977)

International Tools (1973) Ltd. v Arctic Enterprises, Inc., 75 F.R.D. 70 (E.D. Mich. 1977)

Parks v Noisivision, 2004 WL 3217781 (E.D. Mich. 2004)

Hajek v Eastern Michigan University Bd. of Trustees, 2004 WL 136746 (Mich. App.)

Honors

Best Lawyers in America, Commercial Litigation, 2007-present

Michigan Super Lawyers, Litigation 2006-2018

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DBusiness Magazine, Top Lawyers, Commercial Litigation 2011-present

Leading Lawyers, Commercial Litigation, 2014–present

Professional Activities

American College of Trial Lawyers, Fellow

Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference, Life Member

Michigan Supreme Court Committee on Model Jury Instructions, 2011-present

American Bar Association, Litigation Section; TIPS Section

State Bar of Michigan, Litigation Section; Environmental Law Section

Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association

Wolverine Bar Association

National Bar Association

Association of Defense Trial Counsel

U.S. District Court/Eastern District of Michigan, Michigan Civil Justice Reform Act Advisory Group, 1992-96

Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services, Board of Directors, 1990-92

United States District Court, Local Rules Advisory Committee, 1993-98

Civic, Cultural & Social Activities

Crisis Turnaround Team for Detroit Mayor Dave Bing, Department of Finance, May 2009

St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center, Board of Trustees, 1998-2006

Speeches

Sixth Circuit Judicial Annual Conference, 2012, 2010 and 2008, co-chaired panel discussions on Eastern District of Michigan Local Rules and electronic discovery

"Anatomy of a Lawsuit," Closing Arguments, The Institute of Continuing Legal Education

"The Impact of Recent Federal Rules Changes on the Products Liability Case," Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone Product Liability Seminar

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Publications

Coauthor of chapter on Household Products, Product Liability Guide, edited by John F. Vargo, Matthew Bender (1988)