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Services

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Litigation
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Intellectual Property Litigation
International
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Industries

Higher Education
K-12 Education
Next Generation Vehicles and
Mobility

Education

University of Windsor School of
Law, LL.B., 2005
University of Detroit Mercy Law
School, J.D., 2005
Wilfrid Laurier University, BBA
2002

Bar Admissions

Michigan

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court
• Eastern District of Michigan
Court of Appeal for Ontario



Joseph G. Vernon

Of Counsel

Joseph G. Vernon is an experienced commercial litigator, business lawyer, and sports lawyer.

Joe has served as lead counsel for commercial litigation clients in arbitration proceedings, in state and federal courts across the country, and before several courts of appeal, in complex commercial contract, intellectual property, trade secret, shareholder oppression, fraud and civil RICO, and automotive supplier disputes.

Joe also acts as general litigation and outside counsel for several clients, has conducted numerous internal investigations, and is frequently consulted on key strategic initiatives, all of which are a testament to his commitment to understanding his clients' needs, objectives and the industries in which they operate.

Joe's background as a varsity athlete in college and law school provide a natural foundation for the work he's done in the sports field, which includes representing and advising athletes, coaches and front-office personnel in contract negotiations and related disputes. He is also an accomplished writer in the field, and is often asked to comment on new and emerging issues.

Joe is deeply involved in the community as well. He has served on the Detroit Economic Club's Young Leaders Board and as a mentor in its Career Readiness Academy. He also serves on the Board of Mariners Inn, a rehabilitation and homeless shelter. He serves on the Executive Board of the Federal Bar Association's Eastern District of Michigan Chapter, and co-chairs its Rules and Civil Practice Committee. He previously served as an adjunct professor at Detroit Mercy Law School, where he taught an advanced legal writing and oral advocacy course.

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In 2019, he was invited to give the commencement address to Detroit Mercy Law School graduates.