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Services

Litigation and Dispute Resolution
Appeals
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Education

Michigan State University College
of Law, J.D. 2017
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2012

Bar Admissions

Illinois
Michigan

Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals
• Sixth Circuit



Stephen M. Ragatzki

Principal

Steve Ragatzki is a commercial litigator who specializes in making complex concepts simple to understand. He frequently helps clients in industries regulated by the Food and Drug Administration, Securities and Exchange Commission, Michigan Liquor Control Commission, and Michigan Public Service Commission protect their business interests. Whether it is a business partner that complains a drug was not manufactured according to FDA standards, a former employee who walks out the door and takes clients and trade secrets, or an alcohol manufacturer suffering from overregulation by its local government, Steve prioritizes clarity and brevity to cut to the heart of the issue.

His practice extends beyond traditional breach of contract matters. Steve regularly defends businesses against tort claims like gas explosions and slip and falls. He has helped utility companies use eminent domain to secure easements to lay miles of natural gas pipelines in southeast Michigan. And he has assisted clients in recovering hundreds of thousands of dollars in construction litigation disputes. No matter the type of case, Steve prioritizes telling a clear and understandable story to the judge and jury.

Steve previously completed a federal clerkship with the Honorable Richard F. Suhrheinrich of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. While in law school, Steve was the Editor-in-Chief of the Michigan State International Law Review and completed the two-year Trial Practice Institute Program. Before attending law school, Steve taught Algebra II and chemistry and coached varsity baseball as a Teach for America corps member in Chicago, Illinois.

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- Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Courts

- Western District of Michigan
- Eastern District of Michigan
- Southern District of Indiana