

Miller Canfield's Joseph Vernon Named a Michigan Lawyers Weekly Leader in the Law

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Miller Canfield is pleased to announce that Joseph Vernon has been named in the *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* Leaders in the Law Class of 2022.

Vernon is a member of the firm's Litigation and Dispute Resolution Group and serves as lead counsel in complex commercial litigation, trade secret and shareholder disputes, and assists clients with sensitive internal investigations. Vernon is also an accomplished sports lawyer who represents and advises athletes, coaches and front-office personnel in contract negotiations, league and governing body disputes, and with regard to marketing and endorsement opportunities, public relations and crisis management.

"Joe is not only an outstanding litigator but is also a true leader within the firm and the community," said Miller Canfield CEO Megan Norris.

Vernon is the resident director of Miller Canfield's Detroit office, which is the largest of its 20 locations and affiliated offices. He serves on the Miller Canfield Diversity Committee, which strives to improve the firm by increasing the representation of often underrepresented people at every level within the firm, from new associates to senior principals and firm management.

Outside of Miller Canfield, Vernon serves on the Mariners Inn Board of Directors. Mariners Inn is a homeless shelter and drug treatment center in Detroit, which provides residential substance abuse treatment and transitional and permanent housing to its clients.

Vernon serves as the co-chair of the African American Partners Collaborative, an organization of African American partners from the largest law firms in Michigan, which focuses its work on law firm retention and promotion of African American attorneys and the lingering "pipeline" issues that prevent young African Americans from choosing the legal profession as a career.

Michigan Lawyers Weekly's annual Leaders in the Law awards recognize attorneys for their commitment to excellence in the practice of law and demonstrated leadership in the legal profession and their communities. They will be honored at a celebration on Dec. 2, 2022.