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Areas Of Practice

Litigation

Business & Commercial

Financial Services Litigation –
Commercial

Financial Services Litigation –
Consumer

Industries

Financial Industry Group

Automotive Industry Group

Automotive, OEM & Supplier
Litigation

Construction Law

Bar Admissions

Michigan

Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit

U.S. District Court, Eastern District
of Michigan

U.S. District Court, Western
District of Michigan

Education

Case Western Reserve University,
J.D., *cum laude*

- Order of the Coif, Law Review, Mock Trial

Ohio State University, B.A.

- with honors

Michael Blalock is a Bloomfield Hills-based member of Dykema's Commercial Litigation practice group. His practice focuses on complex commercial, contract, and consumer finance litigation. Mr. Blalock frequently represents global corporations in contract and supply disputes, including distributor termination claims, and he has represented owners, lenders, and contractors in construction disputes. He has also been involved in all facets of discovery, including developing initial discovery protocols, interviewing client witnesses, gathering relevant and necessary technical materials, reviewing documents for responsiveness and privilege, conducting meet and confer negotiations, and defending discovery disputes.

As a member of the firm's Automotive Industry Group, Mr. Blalock regularly represents automakers and major suppliers in high-stakes commercial disputes, with an emphasis on supplier disputes, troubled supplier litigation, and warranty cost recovery litigation.

Mr. Blalock is also a member of the firm's Financial Industry Group. He represents many of the nation's largest lenders and mortgage servicers in litigation involving mortgage origination, mortgage servicing, credit card products, and note and collateral enforcement.

Experience

Mr. Blalock has successfully represented clients in many areas of litigation, including:

- Automotive supply chain disputes (OEM, Tier 1 and Tier 2 disputes), troubled supplier litigation, supplier performance and termination, disputes concerning contract/purchase order terms and conditions, tooling recovery, and warranty and cost recovery litigation
- General commercial, contract, and Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) disputes
- Distributor termination disputes, including franchise claims
- Consumer financial services litigation, including suits arising under Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), Truth in Lending Act (TILA), Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA), Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA), and Michigan Consumer Protection Act (MCPA)
- Credit card and retail installment contract disputes
- Real estate matters, including loan workouts and litigation, residential and commercial mortgage litigation, title and lien priority disputes, mortgage fraud, contested judicial foreclosures, and various title

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insurance issues

- Construction disputes, including construction lien and priority disputes
- Appellate litigation
- Insurance coverage disputes
- Small business and shareholder disputes
- Fraud, tortious interference, and other business torts
- Premises liability, personal injury, and property damage suits
- Healthcare litigation

Significant Decisions

- *Borman LLC v. 18718 Borman LLC*, 777 F.3d 816 (6th Cir. 2015)
- *Conlin v. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.*, 714 F.3d 355 (6th Cir. 2013)
- *Collins v. Wickersham*, 862 F.Supp.2d 649 (E.D. Mich. 2012)
- *Schare v. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.*, 2012 WL 2031958 (E.D. Mich. 2012)
- *Steinberg v. Fed. Home Loan Mortg. Corp.*, 901 F.Supp.2d 945 (E.D. Mich. 2012)
- *Banacki v. OneWest Bank, FSB*, 276 F.R.D. 567 (E.D. Mich. 2011)
- *Galati v. Wells Fargo Bank*, 2011 WL 5178276 (E.D. Mich. 2011)
- *McMahon v. CitiMortgage, Inc.*, 2011 WL 2173916 (E.D. Mich. 2011)
- *Mazur v. Washington Mut. Bank, F.A.*, 2011 WL 108926 (E.D. Mich. 2011)
- *Printy v. JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A.*, 2011 WL 1103473 (E.D. Mich. 2011)
- *Harajli v. Washington Mutual Bank and JPMorgan Chase Bank*, 2010 WL 2813281 (E.D. Mich. 2010)
- *Yatooma v. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.*, 2010 WL 3325613 (E.D. Mich. 2010)
- *Kashat, et al. v. Paramount Bancorp, Inc., et al.*, 2010 WL 538295 (E.D. Mich. 2010)
- *Hazamy v. CitiMortgage, Inc., et al.*, 2010 WL 148227 (E.D. Mich. 2010)
- *Kovacs v. JPMorgan Chase & Co.*, 2010 WL 259049 (E.D. Mich. 2010)
- *Yatooma v. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.*, 2010 WL 3325616 (E.D. Mich. 2010) (report and recommendation adopted in *Yatooma v. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.*, 2010 WL 3325613)
- *Yaldoo v. Homecomings Financial, LLC*, 2009 WL 3388377 (E.D. Mich. 2009)
- *Sinishtaj v. Chase Home Finance, LLC, et al.*, 2009 WL 4885241 (E.D. Mich. 2009)
- *Luzier v. Sears, Roebuck and Co.*, 2009 WL 2960630 (E.D. Mich. 2009)
- *Barnes v. Kmart Corp.*, 2008 WL 5422824 (E.D. Mich. 2008)
- *Jordan v. Sears, Roebuck and Co.*, 2007 WL 1500306 (E.D. Mich. 2007)
- *Blakely v. Sears, Roebuck and Co.*, 2006 WL 2604683 (E.D. Mich. 2006)

Publications

Emerging Topic: Is a Loan Modification 'Credit' Under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act? According to the Fed, It Is" (Co-authored with Joseph H. Hickey and Laura C. Baucus)
 Summer/Fall 2010
Conference on Consumer Finance Law Vol. 64, Nos. 2-3

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News

Fifty-Nine Dykema Lawyers Named to 2013 Michigan *SuperLawyers*
September 5, 2013

Memberships & Involvement

- American Bar Association
- State Bar of Michigan
- Federal Bar Association, Eastern District of Michigan, Rules and Civil Practice Committee, Co-Chair (2011-2013); Annual Dinner Committee, Co-Chair (2013-2016)
- Oakland County Bar Association

Awards & Recognition

Recognized in *Michigan Super Lawyers*® as a Rising Star for Business Litigation, Civil Litigation: Defense 2010, 2012-Present

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