

News & Insights

Dykema And Ten Of Its Members Ranked In Chambers USA

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Dykema, a leading national law firm, announces that the firm and ten of its Members have been recognized by *Chambers USA, America's Leading Business Lawyers 2010* as leading business attorneys in the states of Michigan and Illinois. Since 1990, Chambers has published the world's leading guides to the legal profession and has built a reputation for in-depth, objective research. The qualities on which rankings are assessed include technical legal ability, professional conduct, client service, commercial astuteness, diligence, commitment, and other qualities most valued by clients.

Dykema is ranked as a leading firm in the following areas: Corporate/M&A - Michigan; Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation - Michigan; Labor & Employment - Michigan; Litigation: General Commercial - Michigan; and Real Estate - Michigan.

J. Michael Bernard, who is the leader of Dykema's Corporate Finance Practice Group, ranked as a leader in the Corporate/M&A-Michigan area. Mr. Bernard's practice focuses primarily on business planning, general corporate and securities matters, with an emphasis on mergers and acquisitions, financing transactions, corporate formation matters for emerging businesses and public company securities compliance and corporate governance. Mr. Bernard is a resident of Grosse Pointe.

James P. Feeney ranked as a leader in the Litigation: General Commercial-Michigan area. Mr. Feeney is a prominent trial lawyer who tackles high-stakes litigation matters for the world's largest automakers, equipment manufacturers and suppliers. He also counsels financial institutions, real estate developers, equipment leasing companies, insurance and media companies. A resident of Birmingham, Mr. Feeney is a member of three invitation-only organizations: C A Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers and a member of The American Board of Trial Advocates and the Product Liability Advisory Council.

Dennis M. Haffey, for years the Director of Dykema's Litigation Department, ranked as a leader in the Litigation: General Commercial-Michigan area. Mr. Haffey's practice focuses on complex business litigation for both plaintiffs and defendants, at trial and appellate levels in federal and state courts and in arbitrations, with an emphasis on shareholder disputes, commercial transactions, securities, distribution and supply chain claims, business torts, trade secrets, franchises, and sports and entertainment disputes. Mr. Haffey is a resident of Bloomfield Hills.

Patrick F. Hickey ranked as a leader in the Litigation: General Commercial-Michigan and the Labor & Employment Michigan areas. He represents clients in commercial and employment matters in various state and federal trial and appellate courts in Michigan and various other states. Mr. Hickey also has extensive experience in arbitrations, mediations, and other forms of alternative dispute resolution. His litigation and arbitration experience includes matters involving non-compete agreements, trade secrets, ERISA, and discrimination claims. Mr. Hickey is a resident of Farmington.

Margaret Adams Hunter ranked as a leader in the Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation-Michigan area. She specializes in design, implementation and administration of pension plans, welfare plans, fringe benefit plans, stock compensation plans and executive compensation arrangements. Ms. Hunter performs compliance audits on employee benefits plans, counsels clients regarding voluntary and involuntary compliance programs sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service and Department of Labor. Ms. Hunter is a resident of Bingham Farms.

Michael S. Kurtzon ranked as a leader in the Real Estate-Illinois category. Mr. Kurtzon counsels institutional real estate lenders on a national basis in all types of financings, loan workouts and restructurings. He also represents real estate development companies in residential and commercial construction and development projects, including mixed-use projects, land acquisitions and development, financing and documentation for condominiums, and other for-sale housing

projects. A resident of Evanston, Mr. Kurtzon is a member of the American College of Real Estate Attorneys and the American College of Mortgage Attorneys.

Aleksandra A. Miziolek ranked as a leader in the Corporate/M&A-Michigan area. Ms. Miziolek, the Director of Dykema's Automotive Industry Group, has established a practice that primarily focuses on mergers and acquisitions, infrastructure and finance matters for clients in the automotive industry as well as Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) formed to provide essential services to communities and jurisdictions. Based in Detroit, she delivers legal counsel to publicly and privately held companies on general corporate matters, joint ventures and other strategic alliances. In addition, Ms. Miziolek also advises public companies and their boards of directors, including special committees, in corporate governance and fiduciary duties. Ms. Miziolek is a native Detroitter and currently resides in Grosse Pointe Park.

Cameron H. Piggott ranked as a leader in the Real Estate-Michigan category. He specializes in general real estate law, with an emphasis on commercial and residential development, leasing, construction, public/private projects, master planned communities, complex real estate transactions, real estate workouts and foreclosures, and eminent domain. Mr. Piggott is a member of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers. He currently resides in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Joseph A. Ritok ranked as a leader in the Labor & Employment Michigan category. His practice focuses on union-management relations and the defense of employment matters before federal and state agencies and courts throughout the United States. He is a Fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers. Mr. Ritok currently resides in Grosse Pointe Park.

Ronald L. Rose ranked as a leader in the Banking & Finance: Bankruptcy Michigan category. Mr. Rose specializes in bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, and commercial matters, covering issues arising under Uniform Commercial Code and Bankruptcy Code. He has represented parties in complex commercial and corporate transactions and significant bankruptcy litigation. Mr. Rose has represented trustees in bankruptcy proceedings and debtors, purchasers of assets, secured and unsecured creditors in bankruptcy proceedings and out-of-court restructuring. Mr. Rose is a resident of Birmingham.

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