

# MATTHEW L. WIKANDER

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## PRACTICES

Personal Injury and Wrongful Death  
Employment Litigation Defense  
Plaintiff's Contingency Cases: Business & Employment  
Product Liability  
Transportation & No-Fault Law  
Commercial Litigation

## EDUCATION

University of Michigan (B.A., 2001)  
Wayne State University (J.D., 2004)  
Vice Chancellor, Wayne State Moot Court Program  
Member, Sports and Entertainment Law Society

## MATT IS A SHAREHOLDER WHO HAS BEEN CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE FIRM SINCE 2019.

Matt is a trial lawyer practicing primarily in the areas of commercial, employment, and wrongful death/personal injury matters. He tries cases in both federal and state courts across the state of Michigan.

Matt devotes the majority of his practice to helping individuals and families who have catastrophic injuries and wrongful death claims. Matt's experience includes vehicular, airplane, premises, and construction accidents. He also has extensive products liability experience.

Additionally, Matt serves a variety of businesses and individuals in commercial disputes, including ADA accessibility litigation, employment discrimination, trade secret, wrongful advertising, and other unfair trade practice claims. He also has experience handling class action matters.

Whether Matt is representing individuals or businesses, he maintains a genuine and passionate dedication to his clients and their interests.

## ADMITTED

State Bar of Michigan, 2004  
U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan, 2004  
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, 2014  
U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, 2009

## NOTEWORTHY

Listed in the "Grand Rapids 200" as one of the most powerful business leaders in West Michigan by Grand Rapids Business Journal (2019-2023)  
Listed as a "Rising Star" in Michigan Super Lawyers (2013-2018) -- Personal Injury Plaintiff: General  
Listed as a "Local Litigation Star" in Benchmark Litigation (2013-2015, 2021) -- Personal Injury, Wrongful Death Litigation, Securities (2021)  
Listed in The Best Lawyers in America® (2019-2024) -- Commercial Litigation, Product Liability Litigation - Plaintiffs  
Listed as a "Michigan Super Lawyer" (2020, 2022) -- Personal Injury - General: Plaintiff  
Listed as Grand Rapids Magazine "Top Lawyer" (2019- 2022) - Personal Injury  
Selected as an "Up and Coming Lawyer" by Michigan Lawyers Weekly (2012)

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

State Bar of Michigan  
Federal Bar Association - Western Michigan Chapter  
American Bar Association  
Lawyer Pilots Bar Association  
Grand Rapids Bar Association  
American Inns of Court  
The Historical Society of the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan

## COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

Advisory Board Member, The University of Michigan Club of Grand Rapids  
University of Michigan Alumni Association and Victors Club  
West Michigan Sports Commission (Member, Board of Directors)  
Sigma Chi West Michigan Alumni Chapter  
Kent Country Club

## PUBLICATIONS

"Daubert and the Soft Sciences: Can a Forensic Economist Ever Make it Past the Gatekeeper?," FDCC Quarterly, 2006  
"Heavy Hauling 'Permits' and Ways to Avoid Problems Down the Road — Documentation! Documentation! Documentation!," The Pool Cue, Michigan County Road Commission Self-Insurance Pool, August 2007

## PRESENTATIONS

"Aviation Crash Litigation," presented at the NALS Region 3 Summer Meeting, June 2011  
Panel speaker, ABA Law Student Division 6th Circuit 2010 Spring Meeting, Thomas M. Cooley Law School