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John F. Potvin is a partner in the firm's Mount Clemens office who focuses his practice in the areas of title insurance, foodservice and hospitality law, real estate and agency liability.

Mr. Potvin is a former Commander of the 106th Judge Advocate General (JAG) Detachment. After attending JAG school in Charlottesville, Virginia, he went on to serve as a reserve officer in the Army Judge Advocate General Corps for over 25 years.

Mr. Potvin has represented various companies and clients within the foodservice and hospitality industry. His experience includes personal injury, dramshop/liquor liability and real estate matters. Mr Potvin has also appeared before the Michigan Liquor Control Commission and local municipalities on behalf of his clients regarding liquor licensing matters. While serving as a JAG officer, he had extensive experience reviewing government contracts for food service programs at military installations throughout the United States.

A member of Plunkett Cooney's Title Insurance Practice Group, Mr. Potvin also has extensive experience representing various clients on real property matters, including construction lien priorities, mortgage reformations and quieting of title.

Mr. Potvin is a past president of the Macomb County Bar Association and is a member of the Macomb County Bar Foundation and the State Bar of Michigan's Military Law Committee.

Areas of Practice

- Foodservice & Hospitality Industry Group
- Real Estate Law
- Title Insurance Law

Honors & Awards

- Martindale-Hubbell's highest rating-AV Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated. AV Preeminent is a certification mark of Reed Elsevier Properties Inc., used in accordance with the Martindale-Hubbell® certification procedures, standards and policies.

Education

- University of Detroit School of Law, J.D., 1964
- Judge Advocate General Staff College
- John Carroll University, B.S.S., 1958

Bar & Court Admissions

- Michigan, 1965
- U.S. Supreme Court, 1965
- U.S. Military Court of Appeals, 1965
- U.S. Army Judge Advocate Certificate, 1965

Representative Client Work

- Successful representation of several national lending institutions involving mortgage priority issues involving real estate in excess of \$1,000,000
- Successful representation of title insurance underwriters involving construction liens
- Successful representation of title agencies regarding fraud related title matters
- Successful defense of various companies and municipalities on premises liability issues to a jury verdict

Professional Affiliations

- Macomb County Bar Association (President, 1995-1996)
- Macomb County Bar Foundation (President, 2000-2002)
- St. Clair County Bar Association
- State Bar of Michigan (Military Law, Real Estate and Negligence Law sections)
- Michigan Defense Trial Counsel
- Michigan Land Title Association
- Michigan Lodging and Tourism Association
- American Bar Association
- ALFA International
- Defense Research Institute

Community Involvement

- Reserve Officers Association
- Knights of Columbus
- DeLaSalle Collegiate High School Board of Trustees (Past President)
- Central Macomb Chamber of Commerce

Fraternities

- Delta Theta Phi (Tribune)