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Michael J. Barton is a partner in the firm's Bloomfield Hills office who concentrates his practice in the areas of commercial litigation. Mr. Barton has successfully represented clients in a variety of high exposure commercial and other litigation matters in both the state and federal courts in Michigan.

Representative Client Work

- Successfully defended computer software manufacturer in two-month trial in which plaintiff sought recovery of over \$10,000,000 in development and management fees.
- Obtained a \$2,400,000 arbitration award on behalf of an insurer against an agent under risk sharing agreements.
- Successfully defended multi-million dollar legal malpractice action arising out of sale of patents; obtained summary judgment at the close of discovery.
- Obtained no cause in Court of Claims trial on behalf of a university against a claim that a defect in stadium design caused a football player's injuries.
- Obtained a jury verdict in Probate Court preventing son of deceased parents from inheriting an estate worth more than \$2,000,000. The son had murdered his parents but had been found not guilty by reason of insanity in a criminal trial.
- Obtained preliminary injunctions in a variety of trademark and employee non-compete cases.
- Successfully defended a municipality against whistleblower and due process claims brought by fired city attorney; obtained summary disposition in state court on whistleblower claims and summary judgment in federal court on due process claims.

Areas of Practice

- Commercial Litigation
- Directors & Officers Liability
- e-Business & Internet 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 Michigan Law School, 1982, J.D.
- University of Michigan, 1979, B.A., with honors and distinction

Bar & Court Admissions

- Michigan, 1982
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, 1982
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, 1982

Professional Memberships

- Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association
- State Bar of Michigan
- American Bar Association