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Anthony J. Rusciano is a member of the firm's Healthcare Industry and Commercial Litigation Practice Groups and serves as a member of Plunkett Cooney's Board of Directors. Mr. Rusciano concentrates his practice in the area of commercial litigation, including disputes, which confront issues such as anti-trust, intellectual property, breach of contract, unfair competition, condemnation, business torts, and labor and employment.

Representative Client Work

- On behalf of one of the nation's leading marketing and media services companies, obtained a \$300 million jury verdict as co-counsel in a high profile unfair competition case against Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation. The verdict is the largest jury award in the history of the state of Michigan.
- Defended a large cemetery in a dispute with a municipality concerning eminent domain issues.
- Defended a Michigan city in a condemnation dispute with a township.
- As Co-counsel for an integrated multi-provider network, prosecuted a multi-million dollar arbitration claim for breach of a managed care contract, resulting in mid-seven-figures settlement in client's favor.
- Defended a Michigan village in a condemnation action involving a landowner.
- Defended a large technology company in a multi-million dollar breach of contract action with an Ohio business.
- Represented businesses in various internal discrimination investigations and also audits by different federal agencies.

Areas of Practice

- Commercial Litigation
- Corporate Compliance
- Financial Services Liability
- Healthcare 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.
- 2006 & 2007 Michigan Super Lawyer in Business Litigation, Michigan Super Lawyers, a publication of Law & Politics magazine
- American Jurisprudence Awards in Torts and Contracts
- Honors Moot Court - New England School of Law, 1976
- New England Law Review, Editor-in-Chief, 1977-1978

Clerkship(s)

- Law Clerk to Hon. Steven N. Andrews, Oakland County Circuit Court, 6th Judicial Circuit, Michigan, 1978-79

Education

- New England School of Law, 1978, J.D., magna cum laude
- Colgate University, 1971, B.A.

Bar & Court Admissions

- Michigan, 1979
- Massachusetts, 1979

Professional Affiliations

- Massachusetts Bar Association
- State Bar of Michigan
- Oakland County Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- American Health Lawyers Association
- ALFA International (Health Care Practice Group Steering Committee)

Public Service

- Special Prosecuting Attorney, 1979
- Special Assistant Attorney General, Michigan, 1979-80

Community Involvement

- Downtown Detroit Partnership, Member of the Board of Trustees
- Bloomfield Chase Homeowners Association, Member of the Board of Directors

Publications and Lectures

- Michigan Employment Law, general editor, Lawyers Cooperative Publishing Co., 1992
- Lecturer on public officials' liability to the Michigan Municipal League and Public Corporation Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan
- Lecturer on wrongful discharge and employment discrimination law to Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, Association of Defense Trial Counsel and the Defense Research Institute
- "*Bakke v The Regents of the University of California: Preferential Racial Admissions, An Unconstitutional Road Paved with Good Intentions?*" 12 New England *Law Review* 719, 1978

News

- Firm's Board of Directors re-elects Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer
- Plunkett Cooney assists Valassis in obtaining \$500 million settlement with News America
- Rusciano assists Valassis in \$300 million victory against News America
- Plunkett Cooney Board of Directors re-elects Rusciano Chairman
- Plunkett Cooney Board of Directors re-elects Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer
- Plunkett Cooney Attorneys Named 2007 Michigan 'Super Lawyers'