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Michael K. Sheehy is a member of Plunkett Cooney's Board of Directors and currently serves as the firm's Trucking & Transportation Practice Group Leader. He focuses his practice in the areas of trucking and transportation litigation, product liability, mold/toxin liability, construction law, premises liability and motor vehicle claims.

Mr. Sheehy provides legal services to trucking and transportation companies, as well as their insurance carriers. His practice includes complex and multi-party claims throughout the Midwest and Canada involving personal injury, property damage and cargo loss.

Mr. Sheehy is active in a number of trucking and transportation industry organizations, including the Trucking Industry Defense Association, the ALFA Transportation Practice Group, and the Defense Research Institute's Trucking Law Committee. He is also a frequent lecturer on trucking and transportation issues.

Representative Client Work

- Panel counsel for major "for-hire" trucking companies and private fleets
- Panel counsel for leading waste collection, transfer, disposal and recycling company
- Panel counsel for major insurance carriers for trucking claims in Michigan
- Panel counsel for leading asphalt contractor in Michigan
- Member of emergency response team for catastrophic injury accidents

Areas of Practice

- Construction Law
- Litigation
- Motor Vehicle Negligence
- Premises Liability
- Trucking & Transportation

Honors & Awards

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

Education

- Wayne State University Law School, 1985, J.D.
- Michigan State University, 1982, B.A., with honors

Bar & Court Admissions

- Florida, 1985
- Michigan, 1986

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association
- Oakland County Bar Association
- Irish American Bar Association
- State Bar of Michigan
- Florida Bar
- American Bar Association
- Trucking Industry Defense Association
- ALFA International (Steering Committee, Transportation Practice Group)
- DRI (Trucking Law Committee)
- Michigan Defense Trial Counsel

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Grosse Pointe Farms – City Little League Baseball (President)
- Grosse Pointe Yacht Club

PUBLICATIONS AND LECTURES

- “Long-Distance Hauling Company’s Placard on Owner/Operator’s Tractors Not Enough to Impose Vicarious Liability”, Plunkett & Cooney Rapid Report April 15, 2005
- “The Internet and Electronic Research: Your Source for Client Information,” Lecturer, Defense Research Institute (DRI) Products Liability Seminar on Computer Technology, DRI Specialized Litigation Group Mid-Year Meeting, 1998 and the 1999
- “Admissibility of Scientific Expert Witness Testimony in the Post-Daubert Era,” International Legal Strategy, 1998
- “Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Can Control Litigation Costs,” International Legal Strategy, 1997

FRATERNITIES

- Delta Chi

Publications

- Appellate Court Answers McCormick Retroactivity Question
- Michigan Court of Appeals Rules Third Party Spoliation of Evidence Does Not Interfere With Potential Civil Action
- Appellate Court Rules Psychologist’s Testimony May be Used in Proving Closed-head Injuries
- Michigan Court of Appeals Rules Defendant’s Medical Records are Privileged and Not Discoverable
- Supreme Court rules truck driver’s medical condition may satisfy sudden emergency defense

- Court rules 'Open and Obvious' Doctrine does not apply to third party auto negligence actions
- Appellate court holds 'hitching' tractor and trailer registration to same state not required
- Plaintiff's Whiplash Injuries Caused Residual Injuries Which, Under the Totality of the Circumstances, Constituted a Serious Impairment of Body Function
- Long-Distance Hauling Company's Placard on Owner/Operator's Tractor is not Enough to Impose Vicarious Liability
- Medical Monitoring Claims Are Not Cognizable Under Michigan Law In the Absence of a Present Physical Injury

Speaking Engagements

- Crash Course! - The New Michigan Auto Injury Threshold Created by McCormick

News

- Plunkett Cooney elects four to firm's board of directors