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Richard G. Szymczak is a partner in Plunkett Cooney's Flint office and a member of the firm's Title Insurance and Insurance practice groups.

Mr. Szymczak is an experienced litigator of title insurance claims and title insurance coverage disputes. Associated with this part of his practice is the resolution of real estate disputes involving construction liens, mortgages and boundary disputes. He also provides research and opinions on policy interpretation and coverage, defends coverage litigation and represents property and casualty insurance carriers in priority disputes and complex coverage questions. In addition, Mr. Szymczak defends several corporate clients in personal injury matters involving product liability and catastrophic claims.

Mr. Szymczak has previously served as an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Sterling Heights. Prior to entering private practice, he also served as senior trial counsel for a major insurance company where his responsibilities included the preparation and review of detailed coverage opinions, as well as trial work. Since joining Plunkett Cooney, he has actively litigated environmental coverage matters, real estate title disputes, governmental immunity claims and complex commercial litigation.

Representative Client Work

- Trial counsel for two insurers in an environmental coverage dispute with five Macomb County municipal corporations during which the trial lasted nine months
- Successfully defended title insurer against Fortune 500 banking institution in dispute over coverage for real estate transaction

Areas of Practice

- Environmental Law
- Insurance Law
- Title Insurance Law

Education

- Wayne State University, 1978, J.D.
- Michigan State University, 1975, B.A.

Bar & Court Admissions

- Michigan, 1978

- Counsel for property management company in defense of a \$2,500,000 claim by a property owner over alleged misfeasance
- Defense team member for a major property/casualty insurer in litigation of coverage disputes with chemical companies and utilities in Michigan, Indiana and West Virginia

Professional Affiliations

- Genesee County Bar Association
- State Bar of Michigan
- Defense Research Institute
- Michigan Defense Trial Counsel