

## MICHAEL J. HAGERTY



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Michael J. Hagerty joined Plunkett Cooney's Title Insurance Law Practice Group after spending over 18 years serving as general counsel of Metropolitan Title Company. He has extensive experience representing title insurance companies; real estate buyers, sellers and developers; and lenders in transactional and litigation matters.

Mr. Hagerty has served as president of the Michigan Land Title Association, and is a former member of its board of directors and numerous standing and *ad hoc* committees.

### Representative Client Work

- Review, analyze and resolve real estate title disputes involving abstracting, constructive notice and other title examination issues
- Represents title insurers and their insured parties as defendants or plaintiffs in recording and priority disputes, fraud claims, survey and adverse possession claims, easement issues and zoning and land use disputes
- Represents title insurers and their insured parties involving failed developments, construction lien claims, construction payment issues and related construction matters
- Represents owners and lenders in foreclosure, insolvency and bankruptcy matters, including recording issues, and preference or perfection claims by bankruptcy trustees
- Counsels title insurance companies on title insurance coverage issues and escrow and closing disputes
- Represents title insurance companies in agency disputes, embezzlements and defalcations

### Areas of Practice

- Banking, Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights Law
- Litigation
- Real Estate Law
- Title Insurance Law

### Honors & Awards

- Michigan Super Lawyer in Civil Litigation Defense, Michigan Super Lawyers, a Thomson Reuters publication, 2010

### Education

- University of Detroit Law School, J.D., 1978
- University of Detroit, B.A., 1975

### Bar & Court Admissions

- Michigan, 1978
- Michigan Court of Appeals, 1978
- Michigan Supreme Court, 1978
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, 1978
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan, 1978
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, 1978
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, 1983

- Represents title insurance companies in state and federal regulatory matters, including claims involving the Federal Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, Federal Truth in Lending Act, State Office of Financial and Industry Services issues and other related federal and state regulatory issues
- Represents title insurance industry on legislative and regulatory matters
- Facilitates title insurance and real estate disputes
- Provides expert testimony on real estate, title and escrow issues

## Professional Affiliations

- State Bar of Michigan (Real Property Section and Business Law Section)
- Michigan Land Title Association (Past President, 2003-2004; Board of Directors, former member; Legislative Steering Committee, member; Legislative Committee, Past Chair)
- American Bar Association
- American Land Title Association

## Publications and Presentations

- "Title Claims – Protecting Your Client's Interest," Presenter; Real Property Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan Breakfast Roundtable Discussion, Crystal Mountain, Thompsonville, MI, July 16-17, 2010
- "Title Law in Michigan," Presenter, National Business Institute's seminar, Hilton Grand Rapids Airport, Dec. 8, 2008
- *Why Do Public Real Estate Records Exist?*, The Title Examiner, Spring 2007
- *Code Blue: Saving Michigan's Recording System*, Michigan Real Property Review, Spring 2006
- *Michigan Judicial Update*, The Title Examiner, Winter 2004
- Numerous industry and trade publication articles, presentations and seminars on title insurance, title abstracting and examinations, title claims, and title insurance regulatory and legislative issues

## News

- Plunkett Cooney attorneys among Michigan 'Super Lawyers' 2010
- Plunkett Cooney announces four attorneys as its newest shareholders
- Hagerty Joins Plunkett Cooney's Title Insurance Team