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Matthew T. Tompkins is a member of the firm's Grand Rapids office who focuses his practice in the area of civil litigation defense with extensive experience defending construction loss claims, premises liability cases, third party automobile negligence claims, general negligence matters, as well as product liability claims.

Mr. Tompkins' previous work experience includes representing policyholders of major insurance carriers and product manufacturers in civil litigation and defending healthcare providers involved in medical malpractice claims.

Mr. Tompkins is licensed to practice in Michigan's state and federal courts. He is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, Grand Rapids Bar Association and the National Institute of Trial Advocacy.

Representative Client Work

- Obtained a defense verdict in a professional liability case after the jury determined that a debilitating knee injury was not related to the alleged negligent act
- Received an adjusted verdict of \$15,000 in a premises liability action with a jury demand in excess of \$300,000
- Obtained numerous dismissals via summary judgment on behalf of general contractors and subcontractors pursuant to the statute of repose
- Successfully represented general contractors and construction management firms in complex, multiparty property loss and personal injury actions
- Obtained a summary judgment on behalf of a saw manufacturer in a case where the plaintiff lost several digits on his dominant hand

Areas of Practice

- Construction Law
- General Litigation
- Motor Vehicle Negligence
- Premises Liability
- Product Liability

Honors & Awards

- Hillsdale Varsity Football, Team Captain, 1997

Clerkship(s)

- Law Clerk to Honorable Richard Ryan Lamb, Ninth Judicial Circuit Court (April 2001-May 2002)

Education

- Michigan State University College of Law, J.D., cum laude, 2000
- Hillsdale College, B.A., 1997

Bar & Court Admissions

- Michigan, 2001
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, 2003
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan, 2004

Notable Cases

- *United House of Prayers v United Building Contrs., Inc.*, 428 F. Supp. 2d 688 (ED Mich 2006)
- *Nordman v OMGA, SpA*, ___ F. Supp. 2d. ___, 2006 US Dist. LEXIS 70842 (WD Mich 2006)

Professional Affiliations

- Grand Rapids Bar Association
- State Bar of Michigan

Community Involvement

- Legal Aid of Western Michigan, Pro Bono Volunteer