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Lawrence R. Donaldson has focused his practice in the areas of legal and accounting malpractice for most of his career. He is trained and qualified as a mediator under Michigan court rules and serves as a case evaluator and mediator in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb circuit and probate courts.

Mr. Donaldson was re-appointed by Governor John Engler to the State Board of Accountancy for a second four-year term. He has held leadership positions in various legal organizations, including the State Bar of Michigan and the Michigan Defense Trial Counsel (President, 1990-1991). He also serves as counsel to the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants.

Mr. Donaldson holds a bachelor's degree and an MBA from the University of Michigan and received his law degree, *cum laude*, from Detroit College of Law.

Mr. Donaldson has spoken on the subjects of legal and accounting malpractice to numerous professional organizations and associations.

Representative Client Work

- Counsel to Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants
- Certified Mediator, Case Evaluator Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties
- Represents seven of the ten largest accounting firms in Oakland County

Areas of Practice

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Professional Liability

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.
- Michigan Super Lawyer in Alternative Dispute Resolution and Professional Liability; Michigan Super Lawyers, a Thomson Reuters publication, 2006 - 2011
- Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association Distinguished Service Award, 1994
- National Advanced Trial Advocacy graduate

Education

- Detroit College of Law, *cum laude*, J.D., 1969
- University of Michigan, M.B.A., 1963; B.B.A., 1961

Bar & Court Admissions

- Michigan, 1969
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, 1969
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan, 1996
- U.S. Supreme Court, 1973
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit Court, 1986

Professional Affiliations

- Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association (Director, 1991-1994)
- Oakland County Bar Association
- Macomb County Bar Association
- Association of Defense Counsel of Detroit
- State Bar of Michigan (Negligence Law Section; ADR Section; Chairman, Lawyers Professional Liability Insurance Committee, 1986-1987)
- Michigan Defense Trial Counsel (1983-85 Program Chairman; 1986-1991 Director; 1987, Treasurer; 1988, Secretary; 1989, Vice President; 1990, President)
- Michigan Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company, Director, 1987-1995; President 1988-1993; Chairman, 1993-1995

Community Involvement

- Michigan State Board of Accountancy (Member, 1997-2005)
- Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church (Deacon and Past President of congregation)
- Grosse Pointe Sail Club
- Bayview Yacht Club
- Michigan Ohio Chorale

Fraternities

- Sigma Nu Phi (Chancellor - 1968 - William Howard Taft Chapter, Detroit College of Law; Treasurer-1967)

Publications

- Speaker - Accounting Malpractice Seminar, sponsored by the Michigan Association of CPAs, National Association of Accountants, Accountants Guild, 1985-Present
- Speaker - Legal Malpractice Seminar, sponsored by the State Bar of Michigan, 1982 to Present
- Speaker - Legal Malpractice Seminar, sponsored by the Real Estate Law Section, State Bar of Michigan, 1983-1987
- Speaker - Legal Malpractice Seminar, sponsored by the Legal Assistants Association of Michigan, September 1983

News

- Plunkett Cooney attorneys among Michigan 'Super Lawyers' 2011
- Plunkett Cooney hotline provides free legal advice to accountants
- Plunkett Cooney attorneys among Michigan 'Super Lawyers' 2010

- Plunkett Cooney attorneys among Michigan 'Super Lawyers' 2009
- Plunkett Cooney attorneys among Michigan 'Super Lawyers' 2008
- Plunkett Cooney Attorneys Named 2007 Michigan 'Super Lawyers'