

## JEFFREY C. GERISH



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Jeffrey C. Gerish is a partner in the firm's Bloomfield Hills office who practices in the areas of appellate law, insurance coverage and commercial litigation.

Mr. Gerish is a member of Plunkett Cooney's Appellate Law Practice Group, which is one of the only dedicated law firm appellate practice groups in the State of Michigan. He has successfully represented parties in numerous published decisions issued by the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, the Michigan Supreme Court and the Michigan Court of Appeals. He is also a member of the firm's Insurance Coverage Practice Group.

Mr. Gerish received both his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Michigan, and he is a member of several professional organizations.

### Representative Client Work

- *Gage v Henkel* (6<sup>th</sup> Cir) [obtained reversal of summary judgment in contract dispute; court held that disagreement over price precluded contract formation.]
- *Gillian v. Hi-Temp* (Michigan Court of Appeals) [obtained reversal of denial of summary disposition; court held that trial court improperly denied summary disposition in asbestos litigation to dissolved corporation based on the presence of liability insurance.]
- *Westland v Seaboard* (Michigan Court of Appeals) [obtained reversal of denial of summary disposition in favor of liability insurer based on absolute pollution exclusion.]

### Areas of Practice

- Appellate Law
- Commercial Litigation
- Insurance Law

### Honors & Awards

- Associate Editor – University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform -- 1992-94
- Semifinalist, Campbell Moot Court Competition, 1994

### Education

- University of Michigan, 1994, J.D.
- University of Michigan, 1989, A.B.

### Bar & Court Admissions

- Michigan, 1994
- United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, 1994
- United States District Court for the District of Columbia, 1997

- *Hardy v. Oakland County*, (Michigan Supreme Court, 2000) [Threshold requirement of demonstrating serious impairment applies when defendant is a governmental entity]
- *Ireland v. Tunis*, (6th Cir) [Prosecuting attorney was entitled to absolute immunity from liability for seeking arrest warrant notwithstanding political motives allegedly underlying the prosecutor's acts, and prosecutor's investigator was entitled to qualified immunity for his acts]
- *Hampton v. Waste Management of Michigan Inc.*, (Michigan Court of Appeal) [Premises owner cannot be liable for creating hazardous condition unless it did so by unreasonable act]

## Professional Affiliations

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

## Publications and Lectures

- "Enforceable Contracts Without Agreement On Price," Co-author, Michigan Bar Journal, June 2005
- State Bar of Michigan Appellate Practice Section Newsletter, Editor, 1997-1999
- "Abandoning Congressional Intent: Modern-Day Applications of the ADA," Author, Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University Law Review 1997, Issue 3
- "The Rape Shield Law and Sexual Harassment," Co-author, Laches, Number 362, March 1996

## Publications

- Court Orders MCCA to Reimburse Member Insurers For All Personal Injury Protection Benefits Paid
- Michigan Supreme Court Considers Viability of 'Reasonable Expectations' Doctrine