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A partner in the Bloomfield Hills office, Michael P. Ashcraft, Jr. serves as Secretary/Treasurer of Plunkett Cooney's Board of Directors and the firm's Professional Liability Practice Group Leader.

Mr. Ashcraft concentrates his practice in the defense of attorneys and accountants in malpractice claims both directly and through insurance carriers. In addition, he represents a wide range of professionals, including insurance brokers and agents, securities brokers, real estate brokers and agents, investment advisors, officers and directors and notaries public in many different types of complex litigation in both state and federal courts.

Representative Client Work

- Defended various professional liability cases with multi-million dollar exposure
- Tried numerous cases to jury and bench verdict
- Arbitrated numerous cases to conclusion
- Counseled law and accounting firms on professional liability, ethics and risk management issues
- Represented attorneys in Attorney Grievance Commission and Attorney Discipline Board hearings
- Instructor in continuing legal education deposition skills, ethics and trial skills programs

Notable cases

- *Bass v Combs*, 238 Mich App 16 (1999)
- *Estate of Mitchell v Dougherty*, 249 Mich App 668 (2002)
- *Manzo v Petrella*, 261 Mich App 705 (2004)

Areas of Practice

- Professional Liability

Honors & Awards

- The Best Lawyers in America® for Legal Malpractice Law (Copyright 2010 by Woodward/White, Inc., of Aiken, S.C.), 2008 - 2011
- Martindale-Hubbell's highest rating-AV Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated. AV is a registered certification mark of Reed Elsevier Properties, Inc., used in accordance with the Martindale-Hubbell certification procedures, standards and policies
- Michigan Super Lawyer in Professional Liability: Defense, Michigan Super Lawyers, a Thomson Reuters publication, 2009-2011
- Detroit College of Law Class President - Centennial Class, 1992
- Detroit College of Law President - Student Senate, 1991-1992

Education

- Detroit College of Law, cum laude, J.D., 1992
- University of Michigan, B.A., 1987

Bar & Court Admissions

- Michigan, 1992
- U.S. District Court, District of Nebraska, 1992

Professional Memberships

- Oakland County Bar Association (Negligence Section)
- State Bar of Michigan (Member, Professional Ethics Committee)
- American Bar Association (Committee on Professional Responsibility and Liability)

News

- Plunkett Cooney Elects Board Members, Names New Board Officers
- Plunkett Cooney attorneys among Michigan 'Super Lawyers' 2011
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