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William J. Lynch is a member of the firm's Detroit office. Mr. Lynch represents a variety of different clients in several areas of law. He represents leading national rental car companies in the defense of Michigan Liability and No Fault Personal Injury (PIP) protection benefits claims. Mr. Lynch also specializes in premises liability and motor vehicle (auto/trucking) negligence. His expertise includes defending real estate brokers and agents in professional liability claims.

In addition, Mr. Lynch has extensive experience defending the interests of recreational marine insurers and their insureds against small and large loss recreational boating claims. He also defends clients in claims involving product, pharmaceutical and liquor liability.

Representative Client Work

- Defends insurers and self-insurers in high exposure first and third party no fault cases
- Extensive experience and expertise in Michigan's complex Personal Injury Protection benefits statute
- Defends insurers in litigation and provides coverage and legal opinions.
- Defends corporations and individuals in large damages motor vehicle accident cases
- Provides pre-litigation/claims state advice to insurers
- Represents nationally known car rental firms in defense of Michigan Liability and No Fault Personal Injury protection benefits claims
- Represents real estate brokers and agents in defense of professional liability claims

Areas of Practice

- Marine & Recreational Boating Law
- Motor Vehicle - No-Fault
- Motor Vehicle Negligence
- Premises Liability

Honors & Awards

- Martindale-Hubbell's highest rating-AV. AV is a registered certification mark of Reed Elsevier Properties, Inc., used in accordance with the Martindale-Hubbell certification procedures, standards and policies
- Top Lawyer, *dbusiness Magazine*, 2009

Education

- Detroit College of Law, J.D., 1975
- Wayne State University, B.A., 1969

Bar & Court Admissions

- Michigan, 1975
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, 1975
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan, 1998

- Represents the interests of recreational marine insurers and their insured in the defense of small and large loss recreational boating claims
- Represents nonprofit in retail premises cases and auto liability cases

Professional Affiliations

- Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association
- Incorporated Society of Irish/American Lawyers
- State Bar of Michigan (Negligence Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution sections)
- Defense Research Institute

Community Involvement (Past and Present)

- Detroit Yacht Club (Commodore 1992)
- Bayview Yacht Club
- Detroit Regional Yacht Racing Association
- United States Sailing Association
- Detroit Power Squadron
- The Propeller Club of the United States - Port of Detroit (Mayor of the Waterfront, 2000)
- Explorer Ship 113, Detroit Area Council of Boy Scouts (Charter Representative Committee Chairman and Executive Officer)

Publications

- Supreme Court Lessens 'Serious Impairment of a Body Function' Burden Required in Auto Negligence Cases
- Will the 2009 Michigan Supreme Court 'New Majority' Continue to Challenge Prior Rulings?
- Appellate Court Panel Denies PIP Benefits to Claimant in Unlawful 'Use' of Car Case
- Michigan Legislature Reexamines Serious Impairment Threshold