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Appellate Advocacy

Skill, Knowledge, and Strategies

Successful appellate practice requires skill, knowledge, and strategies distinct from those employed in the trial court. For example, the Michigan Supreme Court receives several thousand applications seeking review each year. Of that number, how-ever, the Court only grants leave to appeal in approximately 100 cases.

Thus, it is important to have attorneys who know what is important to appellate judges. Willingham & Coté, P.C., appellate attorneys have more than 100 years of combined appellate experience, and this experience shows. All the attorneys in the appellate practice group have either been judicial law clerks or research attorneys for the Michigan appellate courts or both.

Having practiced within the state appellate system, our appellate attorneys have an intimate knowledge of how appeals are processed.

In addition, they are adept at handling appeals in the federal courts and have practiced before United States Courts of Appeal and the United States Supreme Court.

Successfully serving the legal needs of individuals, businesses and families for 50 years.

Significant Successful Appellate Results

- *Admire v Auto-Owners Ins Co*, 494 Mich 10; 831 NW2d 849 (2013)
- *Boodt v Borgess Med Center*, 481 Mich 558 (2008)
- *Dawson v Farm Bureau Mut Ins Co*, 293 Mich App 563 (2011)
- *Dobbelaere v Auto-Owners Ins Co*, 275 Mich App 527 (2007)
- *Farm Bureau Gen Ins Co v Nikkel*, 460 Mich 558 (1999)
- *Granger Land Dev Co v Dep't of Treasury*, 286 Mich App 601 (2009)
- *L&L Wine & Liquor Corp v Michigan Liquor Control Comm'n*, 274 Mich App 354 (2007)
- *McDonald v Farm Bureau Ins Co*, 480 Mich 191 (2008)
- *Spectrum Health Hosp v Farm Bureau Mut Ins Co*, 492 Mich 503; 821 NW2d 117 (2012) Supreme Court Docket No. 142874
- *Waste Mgt, Inc The Admiral Ins Co*, 138 NJ 106; 649 A 2d 379 (1994), cert den 513 US 1183; 115 S Ct 1175; 130 L Ed 2d 1128 (1995)

Services We Provide

Willingham & Coté, P.C.'s Appellate Practice Group provides consultation services including:

- researching and drafting briefs on dispositive issues in the trial court;
- reviewing trial court records and identifying appealable issues;
- reviewing and editing trial court and appellate briefs drafted by other counsel; and handling appeals of cases which were litigated at the trial court level by other counsel.

The Appellate Practice Group provides appellate services in all areas of the firm's civil practice including:

- Business and Corporate
- Divorce and Family
- Estates and Trusts
- Franchise
- Hospitality and Alcohol Beverage
- Insurance
- Intellectual Property
- Medical Malpractice
- Real Estate
- Tax

