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Michael J. Sulaka represents and advises clients involved in mergers and acquisitions, commercial transactions, strategic management decisions, and general corporate matters.

Sulaka provides counsel to clients operating within all phases of the business life cycle: including formation, operation, valuation, and exit. He routinely handles intellectual property and tax matters for his client base, which includes athletes, artists, and creative agencies, along with the most prominent and culturally influential brands in Detroit in the convergent space of fashion, music, film, and design.

Before joining Bodman, Sulaka was a partner at another southeast Michigan law firm where he represented and counseled small and mid-sized businesses and nonprofit organizations on corporate law matters and practiced real estate, tax, and intellectual property law. Prior to that, he worked as a tax consultant at an industry-leading international accounting and consulting firm developing and optimizing tax strategies for global multinational enterprises.

During his graduate studies at the University of Detroit Mercy, Sulaka earned his J.D./MBA with concentrations in corporate law, strategy and management and externed as a law clerk for The Honorable Justice David F. Viviano at the Supreme Court of Michigan. In addition, he was elected President of the Arab and Chaldean Law Student Association for two terms, during which he spearheaded the school's first-ever Diversity Leadership Conference. Dedicated to community enrichment, Sulaka currently serves as the Executive Director at fam love, a 501(c)3 charity that connects diverse individuals and communities through fashion, art, athletics, and music culture.

Honors, Awards, and Recognition

- *Michigan Rising Stars 2019*, Mergers & Acquisitions
- *DBusiness Magazine "Top Lawyers" 2019-2020*, Mergers & Acquisitions Law, Nonprofit/Charities Law



practices & industries

Business
Emerging Companies and
Venture Capital
Intellectual Property
Real Estate
Tax

languages

Arabic
Chaldean

education

Boston University School of
Law, LL.M., Taxation

University of Detroit Mercy
School of Law, J.D.

University of Detroit Mercy
College of Business, M.B.A.

University of Michigan,
Stephen M. Ross School of
Business, B.B.A.

admissions

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69 Bodman Attorneys Included in DBusiness Top Lawyers
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49 Bodman Attorneys Listed in Michigan Super Lawyers
2019