

## Thomas Van Dusen Member

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**Mr. Van Dusen concentrates his practice exclusively in litigation and alternative dispute resolution with a focus on insurance, commercial disputes, health care, class actions, and personal injury defense, including arbitration hearings, bench trials, jury trial, and appeals.**

He has been selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® since 2005 in the fields of Commercial Litigation, Litigation—Trusts and Estates, and Bet-the-Company Litigation. He was named the *Best Lawyers*® 2021 Litigation—Trusts and Estates “Lawyer of the Year” in Troy, Michigan. *Benchmark Litigation 2020* lists Mr. Van Dusen as a “Local Litigation Star.” He has been included in *Michigan Super Lawyers*® since 2006, as well as *DBusiness Magazine’s* 2020 “Top Lawyers” list. He is Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent® Peer Rated for the Highest Level of Professional Excellence.

Mr. Van Dusen is the Chair of Bodman’s Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution Practice Group. He is a member of the National Diocesan Attorneys Association, the Defense Research Institute, the American Arbitration Association panel of arbitrators, and the Michigan Committee on Model Civil Jury Instructions.

### Honors, Awards, and Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2005-2021, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Trusts and Estates
- *The Best Lawyers in America* 2021 Troy “Lawyer of the Year,” Litigation-Trusts and Estates
- *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 Troy “Lawyer of the Year,” Litigation-Trusts and Estates
- *The Best Lawyers in America* 2016 Troy “Lawyer of the Year,” Litigation- Trusts and Estates
- *Benchmark Litigation 2020*, Local Litigation Star
- *DBusiness Magazine* “Top Lawyers” 2009-2013, 2015, 2018 and 2020, Litigation-Commercial, Litigation-Insurance
- *Michigan Super Lawyers*, 2006-2020, Business Litigation
- Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent® Peer Rated for Highest Level of Professional Excellence; Endorsed for

### practices & industries

Litigation and Alternative  
Dispute Resolution  
Insurance  
Employee Benefits and  
Executive Compensation

### education

University of Michigan Law  
School, J.D., *cum laude*  
Michigan State University,  
B.A., *magna cum laude*

### admissions

Michigan

### professional affiliations

American Arbitration  
Association (AAA)®  
Defense Research Institute  
Michigan Committee on  
Model Civil Jury Instructions  
National Diocesan Attorneys  
Association

High Ethical Standing

## Professional Activities

- American Arbitration Association (AAA)®
  - National Roster of Commercial Arbitrators, Member
- Defense Research Institute (DRI), Member
- Michigan Committee on Model Civil Jury Instructions, Member
- National Diocesan Attorneys Association, Member

## REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

### MR. VAN DUSEN'S RECENT MATTERS INCLUDE:

Defense of catastrophic personal injury claims, including matters involving product liability, premises liability, automobile negligence, and intentional misconduct claims;

Representation of various religious and other charitable organizations involving civil and criminal investigations of misconduct claims;

Representation of insurers and health plan administrators in defense of claims for recovery of insurance benefits, including claims for life and disability insurance benefits and ERISA claims;

Complex commercial cases, including breach of contract, supplier disputes, shareholder disputes, claims related to the purchase or sale of businesses, distributor termination disputes, and claims related to partnership dissolution and shareholder valuation; and

Complex probate cases, including actions related to duties of trust and estate fiduciaries.

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10/24/2019

Bodman "Highly Recommended" in Benchmark Litigation 2020