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Mr. Cole represents a broad array of corporate and individual clients, serving all facets of their diverse business and personal legal needs.

He focuses his practice on the acquisition and development of real estate, leasing, like-kind exchanges, mortgage financing, entity formations, conversions and dissolutions, partnership, LLC and joint venture structuring, purchase and sale of businesses, buy/sell and business succession planning, sophisticated trusts and estate planning, and charitable giving.

Before joining Bodman, Mr. Cole practiced with a highly regarded suburban Detroit business law firm where he was a principal and name shareholder. He has served as an adjunct professor of taxation at local business colleges and taught continuing education courses approved by the Michigan Insurance Bureau for licensed insurance professionals.

practices & industries

Mergers and Acquisitions
Tax
Real Estate
High Net Worth
Business

education

University of Florida, LL.M.
in Taxation
Wayne State University
Law School, J.D.
University of Michigan, B.A.

admissions

Michigan

Mr. Cole is a member of the State Bar of Michigan's Real Property Law, Probate and Trust Law, and Taxation sections. He has been published in *Crain's Small Business*, *Michigan Lawyers Weekly*, and *Auto Age Dealer Business*. He was a contributing author to *Advising Closely Held Businesses in Michigan*, a publication released by the Institute of Continuing Legal Education.

Mr. Cole received the 2011 Jerusalem Peace Award from the American Committee for Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem. He has been listed in *Michigan Super Lawyers* since 2007 under Tax, Business Law, Real Estate, Closely Held Business, and Estate Planning and Probate. He is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America 2026* under Corporate Law and in *DBusiness Magazine* as a 2026 Top Lawyer for Tax Law. He is AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITION

- *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2021-2026, Corporate Law, Tax Law
- *Michigan Super Lawyers 2007-2025*, Tax, Business Law, Real Estate, Closely Held Business, Estate Planning and Probate
- *DBusiness Magazine* "Top Lawyers" 2020-2026, Tax Law
- Jerusalem Peace Award, American Committee for Shaare Zedek Medical Center, 2011
- AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- State Bar of Michigan
 - Real Property Law, Probate and Trusts Law, and Taxation Sections

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, “One Big Beautiful Bill Act Reinforces and Enhances Qualified Small Business Stock Tax Savings – A Benefit for Prospective Startup Investors,” Bodman Tax Law Update (July 15, 2025)
- Co-author, “Michigan Flow-Through Entity Tax Election Deadline Approaching,” Bodman Tax Law Update (December 21, 2023)
- Co-Author (with Emily J. Kwolek and Wayne D. Roberts), “Michigan Tax Foreclosure Relief Announced For Michigan Property Owners Affected By Coronavirus,” Bodman COVID-19 Response Team Update, March 2020
- Contributing author, *Advising Closely Held Businesses in Michigan* (ICLE)