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Mr. Rheaume serves as co-chair of Bodman's Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution Practice Group. He represents clients involved in complex commercial litigation matters and serves as local counsel for national and international law firms.

Prior to joining Bodman, he served as a law clerk to Justice Stephen J. Markman of the Michigan Supreme Court. Based on this experience, Mr. Rheaume is an integral team member of the firm's Appellate Law Practice Group. He has written appellate and amicus briefs in state and federal appellate courts, including the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. Rheaume graduated from Michigan State University College of Law ranked first in his class. While there, he served as an associate editor on *The Michigan State Law Review* and received Jurisprudence Awards for outstanding achievement in Secured Transactions, Professional Responsibility, Insurance Law, Construction Law, Decedents Estates & Trusts, Bankruptcy, Negotiations, and Income Taxation.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITION

- *The Best Lawyers in America 2026*, Commercial Litigation
- *The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch 2022-2023*, Commercial Litigation
- *Benchmark Litigation 2017-2025*, "40 & Under Hot List"
- *Benchmark Litigation 2025*, "Future Star"

practices & industries

Appellate Law

Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution

Insurance

Automotive and Industrial

education

Michigan State University College of Law, J.D., *summa cum laude*

Michigan State University, B.S., *cum laude*

admissions

Michigan

court admissions

U.S. Supreme Ct.

U.S. Ct. of Appeals, 6th Cir.

U.S. District Ct., E.D. Mich.

U.S. District Ct., W.D. Mich.

- *Michigan Rising Stars 2013-2025*, Business Litigation
- *DBusiness Magazine* "Top Lawyers" 2019-2025, Appellate Law

CIVIC, CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Pointers for Academic Excellence, Member of the Board of Directors
- Sigma Chi Fraternity — Michigan State University, Alumni Board of Directors
- Cornerstone Schools, Volunteer Mentor

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- State Bar of Michigan, Member of the Litigation and Appellate Practice Sections
- Catholic Lawyers Society of Detroit, Member
- Former Young Leader Board Member, Detroit Economic Club
- Federalist Society, Immediate Past President of the Michigan Lawyers' Chapter

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-Author (with Gordon J. Kangas), "State Court Docket Watch: Council of Organizations and Others for Education About Parochialism v. State of Michigan," Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies, March 10, 2021
- Co-Author (with Gordon J. Kangas), State Court Docket Watch: Midwest Institute of Health, PLLC v. Governor of Michigan," Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies, November 16, 2020
- Co-Author (with Gordon J. Kangas), "State Court Docket Watch: Rafaeli, LLC v. Oakland County," Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies, September 11, 2020