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Michael C. Tibbits is an experienced trial attorney specializing in complex litigation matters. Before joining Bodman, Michael served as a Defense Counsel for the United States Marines Corp at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

During his service, Michael successfully represented Marines and Sailors facing special and general courts-martial, boards of inquiry, post trial hearings, and administrative separation boards. He counseled several in non-judicial punishment, courts-martial, pretrial confinement hearings, Competency Review Boards, and situations in which Article 31b, UCMJ, rights are invoked. Michael is a recipient of the Navy Commendation Medal for meritorious service.

Michael also previously was an associate attorney at an AmLaw 50 law firm where he represented large corporations and governmental entities in multi-million dollar civil suits, malpractice lawsuits, insurance defense matters and legal responsibility.

practices & industries

Litigation and Alternative
Dispute Resolution

education

University of Detroit-Mercy,
J.D.

Madonna University, B.S.

admissions

Michigan

As a law student at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Michael served as a law clerk for the Hon. Michael J. Riordan of the Michigan Court of Appeals. Michael was the president of the Federalist Society and a student attorney at the Juvenile Law Appellate Clinic.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITIONS

- *Grand Rapids Magazine* Top Lawyers 2025, Litigation-Commercial

PRO BONO

- Bodman Duo Assist Pro Bono Client Before U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans

Michael Tibbits and Cameron Ritsema assisted pro bono client, Mr. C., in a claims dispute before the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans. After serving in the Navy, Mr. C. filed three disability claims with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and was only granted 80% coverage. Michael and Cameron discovered that the doctor assigned to Mr. C.'s case did not take into account his full medical record and did not do a complete exam of Mr. C.'s disabilities. The Bodman team appealed the claim decisions in a Rule 33 Memo and the Veterans Affairs attorney agreed to remand all three disability claims to be reviewed further.