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As both a lawyer and certified public accountant, Christopher J. Dine represents corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies (LLCs), trusts, foundations, and individual clients in tax, general business, and commercial matters. He regularly advises religious, non-profit, and tax-exempt organizations relating to obtaining and maintaining exempt status, corporate governance affairs, and general operational issues.

Mr. Dine works extensively with the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit, the most populous diocese in the State of Michigan, with 1.3 million Catholic residents, and whose mission is to administer Roman Catholic parishes and schools within the City of Detroit and in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, St. Clair, Monroe, and Lapeer counties.

He also represents financial institutions in federal and state tax credit transactions, such as New Markets Tax Credits (NMTCs), Historic Tax Credits (HTCs) and Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC), using his knowledge and skills to structure, negotiate, and document such deals on their behalf.

Mr. Dine has been selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® since 2007 under Non-Profit/Charities Law. He was listed in *Michigan Super Lawyers 2007* under Nonprofit Organizations and has been listed in *DBusiness Magazine's* "Top Lawyers" since 2009 under Non-Profit/Charities Law and Tax Law. He

practices & industries

Exempt Organizations and Impact Investing

Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation

Tax

High Net Worth

education

University of Notre Dame Law School, J.D.

Michigan State University, Honors College, B.A. with *high honor*

admissions

Michigan

court admissions

U.S. Tax Ct.

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Mr. Dine has served in various leadership roles within the firm and in the community. He served for many years as Chair of Bodman's Finance Committee, Chair of the firm's Tax Practice Group, and Co-Chair of the Pro Bono Committee. He is a Founding Member of the Board of Directors of the Catholic Foundation of Michigan and formerly served on the Board of Directors for Michigan Community Resources, a statewide non-profit that offers legal, planning, education, and outreach services to organizations that serve low-income communities.

Mr. Dine is a Fellow of the Michigan State Bar Foundation, which provides leadership and grants to (1) improve access to justice for all, particularly through civil legal services to low-income families and individuals across the state, and (2) improve the administration of justice through the funding of innovative law-related education and conflict resolution projects geared toward children and the general public. The foundation extends fellowship to a limited number of lawyers, and they are chosen for their outstanding legal ability and service to the community.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITION

- *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* "Leader in the Law" 2018
- *The Best Lawyers in America® 2007-2026*, Non-Profit/Charities Law
- *DBusiness Magazine* "Top Lawyers" 2009-2025, Nonprofit/Charities Law
- *Michigan Super Lawyers 2007*, Nonprofit Organizations
- Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent® Peer Rated for Highest Level of Professional Excellence; Endorsed for High Ethical Standing

CIVIC, CULTURAL, AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Catholic Foundation of Michigan, Founding Member, Board of Directors
- Michigan State Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Michigan Community Resources, Former Member, Board of Directors

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association
 - Business Law Section, Member
 - Taxation Section, Member
- Detroit Bar Association (DBA), Member
- National Diocesan Attorneys Association, Member

- Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountant (MICPA), Member
- Oakland County Bar Association, Member
- State Bar of Michigan
 - Business Law Section, Member
 - Taxation Section, Member

CERTIFICATIONS

- Certified Public Accountant (CPA)