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Mr. Kemsley has moved to of-counsel status following his 46-year career with Bodman as a member of the Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution Practice Group and as the firm's General Counsel from 1987 to 2017. He continues to participate in the firm's representation of selected clients.

During his career, Mr. Kemsley has represented banks, financial institutions, mortgage lenders and servicers, and other corporations in complex business and corporate litigation, including the defense of class actions. He has defended many large law firms in cases involving claims of legal malpractice and other misconduct. He also has handled trust and probate litigation involving business trusts, non-profits and foundations, and involving trusts and estates of wealthy individuals. He has substantial experience in trademark and unfair competition litigation, letter of credit litigation, legal ethics matters, distributor termination cases, bankruptcy litigation, real estate and building restriction disputes, business acquisition and

practices & industries

Litigation and Alternative
Dispute Resolution

education

Wayne State University
Law School, J.D., *cum
laude*

Wayne State University,
B.S.M.E.

admissions

Michigan

securities fraud cases, and products and premises liability matters.

Mr. Kemsley was on the Council of the State Bar of Michigan Litigation Section from 1996 to 2000. From 1990 to 1995 he was a member of the Product Liability Advisory Council. He has been an author and a frequent speaker on matters involving legal malpractice, professional responsibility, and ethics.

Mr. Kemsley is listed in *Michigan Super Lawyers* 2007-2013 and 2017-2020 under Business Litigation, in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2016-2025 under Commercial Litigation, and as a "State Litigation Star" in *Benchmark Litigation* 2018. He is listed as a 2020 "Top Lawyer" for Legal Malpractice Law by *DBusiness* magazine. He is AV® Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITION

- *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2016-2025, Commercial Litigation
- *Benchmark Litigation* 2018, State Litigation Star
- *DBusiness* Magazine "Top Lawyers" 2010-2011, 2013-2014, 2016, 2018-2020, Legal Malpractice Law
- *Michigan Super Lawyers*, 2007-2013, 2017-2020, Business Litigation
- Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent® Peer Rated for Highest Level of Professional Excellence; Endorsed for High Ethical Standing

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Attorneys' Liability Assurance Society Ltd. (ALAS Ltd.), Regional Loss Prevention Coordinator
- State Bar of Michigan
 - Standing Committee on Grievance, 2005-2007
 - Special Committee on Multidisciplinary Practice, 1999-2002

court admissions

U.S. Ct. of Appeals, 6th Cir.
U.S. Ct. of Appeals, 9th Cir.
U.S. District Ct., E.D. Mich.
U.S. District Ct., N.D. Tex.
U.S. District Ct., W.D. Mich.
U.S. Supreme Ct.

- Standing Committee on Professional and Judicial Ethics, 1997-2004
- Detroit Bar Association (DBA), Member (prior)
- Oakland County Bar Association (OCBA), Member (prior)
- American Bar Association (ABA) (prior)

- Professional Responsibility Counselors, Member, 1999-2008

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Published appellate decisions include *Brannam v. Huntington Mortgage Co.*, 287 F3d 601 (6th Cir. 2002) (reh.den.; cert. den.) (a case of first impression under TILA and Reg Z); and *Dressel v. Ameribank*, 468 Mich 557 (2003) (principal *amicus* counsel) (establishing that document preparation fees charged in residential mortgage loans do not constitute the unauthorized practice of law).