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Mr. Walsh has broad litigation experience at both the trial and appellate levels. Representing both plaintiffs and defendants, Mr. Walsh has obtained successful jury verdicts in numerous cases. He has argued more than 100 appeals in both state and federal appellate courts.

Among the appeals Mr. Walsh has argued successfully are *Shepherd Montessori Center Milan v. Ann Arbor Charter Twp.*, 486 Mich. 311 (2010), *McCart v. J. Walter Thompson USA, Inc.*, 437 Mich. 109 (1991), *Calhoun Cty. v. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan*, 297 Mich. App 1 (2012), and *Harris v. Auto Club Ins. Ass'n*, 494 Mich. 462 (2013).

Mr. Walsh has more than 40 years of experience with complex litigation. He has represented Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan, Comerica Bank, and other major financial institutions in class action cases.

Mr. Walsh has represented the largest outdoor advertising companies within the State of Michigan for many years and also served as general counsel to the Michigan Outdoor Advertising Association.

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He is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America® 2027* under Commercial Litigation and Appellate Practice and in *DBusiness* Magazine "Top Lawyers" 2018 under Appellate Law.

practices & industries

Appellate Law

Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution

Insurance

education

Louisiana State University Law School, J.D.

Louisiana State University, B.A.

admissions

Michigan

court admissions

U.S. Supreme Ct.

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

U.S. Ct. of Appeals, 3rd Cir.

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

Before joining Bodman, Mr. Walsh was a law clerk for two judges on the Michigan Court of Appeals.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITION

- The Best Lawyers in America©, Commercial Litigation and Appellate Practice, 2013-2027
- D Business Magazine "Top Lawyers," 2013-2015, 2018, Appellate
- Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent® Peer Rated for Highest Level of Professional Excellence; Endorsed for High Ethical Standing

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- Obtained the reversal of an order revoking the probation of a criminal defendant who invoked the wrath of God on the judge who presided over the defendant's trial.
- When the State of Michigan withheld funding for the Ann Arbor Film Festival because legislators found some films offensive, Mr. Walsh led the successful effort to reinstate funding.
- Filed an amicus brief with the Michigan Supreme Court in support of a mother with intellectual disabilities who is contesting the termination of her parental rights.