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Mr. Raphelson focuses his practice on commercial litigation, particularly matters related to the automotive industry, finance and banking.

He also dedicates a substantial amount of time to general commercial cases such as contract disputes, intellectual property litigation, corporate governance and dissolution, dealer and franchise termination, and other corporate law disputes. Mr. Raphelson has deep automotive industry experience, having served in-house for two years as counsel for the seating division of Lear Corporation, a publicly traded Fortune 200 automotive supplier.

He is a former member of the State Bar of Michigan's Ad Hoc Committee on Legislation, ex-officio chairman of the Computer Law Section Council (now the Information Technology Section) and a former member of the State Bar's Task Force on E-Filing. He is past president of the American Constitution Society's Michigan chapter and treasurer of the Historical Society for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. He is also a member of the Oakland County Bar Association's Circuit Court and Business Court Committees, and he president of the Oakland County Bar Foundation.

Mr. Raphelson is listed in *Chambers USA 2025 under Litigation: General Commercial*, in *The Best Lawyers in America 2027* under Commercial Litigation, and in *Michigan Super Lawyers 2026* under Business Litigation. He is a *DBusiness* Magazine 2027 "Top Lawyer" for Legal Malpractice Law and is AV Preeminent ® Peer Rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

practices & industries

Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution

Intellectual Property

Automotive and Industrial

education

University of Michigan Law School, J.D.

Kalamazoo College, B.A., *cum laude*

admissions

Michigan

court admissions

U.S. Ct. of Appeals, 5th Cir.

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

U.S. Ct. of Appeals, 7th Cir.

U.S. District Ct., S.D. Ind.

Mr. Raphelson is proficient in French.

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HONORS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITION

- Chambers USA, Litigation: General Commercial, 2013 - 2025
- The Best Lawyers in America, Commercial Litigation, 2016 - 2027; Legal Malpractice Law-Defendants, Commercial Transactions/UCC Law
- Benchmark Litigation, Star, 2018
- DBusiness Magazine "Top Lawyers" 2010, 2016, 2018-2025, 2027, Litigation-Commercial, Legal Malpractice Law
- Michigan Super Lawyers, Business Litigation, 2006, 2007, 2010-2026

CIVIC, CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Michigan Chapter of the American Constitution Society, Past President
- Historical Society for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Treasurer, Board of Directors
- Oakland County Bar Foundation, President
- Trout Unlimited, Michigan Council Secretary, 2008

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- State Bar of Michigan
  - Electronic Filing Task Force
  - Information Technology Law Section, Council
  - Intellectual Property Law Section
  - Litigation Section

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "A UFLPA Update: US Customs Impounds Thousands of Vehicles with Suspected Banned Components," Bodman Litigation Law Update (February 20, 2024)
- Co-author, "Michigan Supreme Court Overrules Court of Appeals Decision in MSSC, Inc. v. Airboss Flexible Products Co," Bodman Litigation Law Update (July 18, 2023)
- Co-Author, "Demonstrative Evidence," Michigan Bar Journal, vol. 94, no. 10 (October 2015)
- Co-Author (with Jane Derse Quasarano), "Dueling, Dickering, and Delivering, UCC Battles of the Forms in Manufacturing Contracts," Michigan Bar Journal, vol. 93, no. 10 (October 2014)

- "A Certain Parcell of Land Lying on this Island, Manhatans," The Court Lawyer, Vol. XV, no. 1 (February 2007)
- "Old Laws, New Laws, and Technology: A Summary of Some Laws Affecting Use of the Internet," 77 Michigan Bar Journal 1202 (November 1998)
- "Is Alternative Dispute Resolution Right for Your Case?," Michigan Lawyers Weekly (May 3, 1993)
- Editor, Computer Law Theme Issue, Michigan Bar Journal (Oct 1988 and June 1994)
- "Allocating the Risks of Computer Failure," 5 Matthew Bender's Commercial Damages 37 (July-Aug 1990)
- "Professional Liability of Attorneys," 39 Wayne Law Review (Winter 1990) (cited in Gebhardt v. O'Rourke, 444 Mich. 535, 542 n. 6; 510 N.W.2d 900, 903 n. 6 (1994)

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