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Mr. Shannon helps corporate and individual clients resolve large, multifaceted business disputes through negotiation, litigation, or alternative dispute resolution processes.

He has served clients in nearly every major industry with a particular focus on the automotive and industrial sectors, construction companies, and financial institutions. Mr. Shannon has served as lead counsel in complex matters requiring the management of large litigation teams, dozens of witnesses, millions of pages of documentary evidence, and complex e-discovery issues.

His approach to litigation combines more than 30 years of courtroom experience, business savvy, and superior communication skills to reach favorable outcomes for his clients efficiently and with minimal disruption to their businesses and reputations.

Based on his track record of success, Mr. Shannon is listed with distinction in all of the leading attorney rating services, including *Chambers USA 2026* (listed under Michigan: Litigation: General Commercial), *The Best Lawyers in America 2027* (listed under Commercial Litigation), *Benchmark Litigation 2025* (listed as a Litigation Star) and *Michigan Super Lawyers 2026* (listed under Business Litigation). Mr. Shannon is AV® Preeminent Peer rated by Martindale Hubbell and was named a 2027 "Top Lawyer" for Litigation-Commercial by *DBusiness* magazine.

For a decade, Mr. Shannon was a member of Bodman's top leadership committee and also served as chair of the firm's Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution Practice Group.

practices & industries

Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution

Construction

Automotive and Industrial

education

University of Notre Dame Law School, J.D.

University of Southern California, B.A.

admissions

Michigan

court admissions

U.S. Supreme Ct.

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

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

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

Mr. Shannon has devoted and committed a great deal of his time and efforts to serving in a number of leadership roles with numerous professional, civic, and charitable organizations, including the University of Notre Dame Law School (member, Advisory Board of Directors), Notre Dame Club of Detroit and its related charities (member, Board of Directors), Catholic Lawyers Society (member, Board of Directors), University Liggett School (member, Board of Trustees), and Detroit Bar Association (chair, Litigation Section and vice chair, Circuit Court Committee). For over a decade, he has been passionately committed to serving and supporting Matrix Human Services. Along with other family members Mr. Shannon raises money to support high school scholarships in the Detroit area. Mr. Shannon is also actively involved in educational causes including organizations that raise scholarships for underprivileged Detroit students.

He is an alumnus of Leadership Detroit and was named to the *Crain's Detroit Business* "40 under 40" in 1997.

Mr. Shannon is active politically and has hosted numerous fundraisers on behalf of local, state, and national candidates. He served on the Judicial Review Advisory Committee to former United States Senator Spencer Abraham. He was appointed twice by Michigan Governor John Engler to the Department of Natural Resources Site Review Board and to the Government Task Force on Importation of Solid Waste.

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HONORS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITION

- The Best Lawyers® 2013-2027, Commercial Litigation
- Chambers USA 2007-2026, Commercial Litigation: General
- Michigan Super Lawyers, Business Litigation, 2008 - 2026
- Michigan Super Lawyers, Top 100 Attorneys, 2020
- Benchmark Litigation, Litigation Star, 2023 - 2025
- D Business Magazine "Top Lawyers" 2010-2025, 2027, Litigation-Commercial
- Volunteer of the Year, Matrix Human Services, 2017
- Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent® Peer Rated for Highest Level of Professional Excellence; Endorsed for High Ethical Standing

CIVIC, CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Notre Dame Club of Detroit and Associated Charities
  - Board of Directors
- University Liggett School

    - Board of Trustees, 2016-2017
- Detroit Regional Chamber, Leadership Detroit — Class XIX

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- University of Notre Dame Law School—Notre Dame Law Association (NDLA)
    - Advisory Committee Member
    - Board of Directors, Former Member
- American Arbitration Association (AAA)®
    - National Roster of Commercial Arbitrators, Former Member
    - Panel of Employment Arbitrators, Former Member
    - Panel of Construction Arbitrators, Former Member
- Detroit Bar Association (DBA)
    - Litigation Section, Past Chair
    - Circuit Court Committee, Past Vice Chair
- Catholic Lawyers Society of Detroit
    - Board of Directors, Former Member
- State Bar of Michigan

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)
- "Gov. Whitmer Extends Her Stay At Home Order To April 30th," Bodman COVID-19 Response Team Update, April 2020
- "Cyberspace Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Issues New Critical Infrastructure Guidelines," Bodman COVID-19 Response Team Update, April 2020
- Co-Author (With Gene P. Bowen and Jeffrey G. Raphelson), "Force Majeure/Commercial Impracticability and COVID-19: Does the pandemic crisis excuse contractual performance?," Bodman COVID-19 Response Team Update, March 2020