

Stephen J. Ott

SERVICE AREAS

Business

- Product Safety
- Automotive

Litigation + Trial

- Litigation + Trial Practice Overview

EDUCATION

- Wayne State University Law School, J.D.
- Michigan State University, James Madison College, B.A.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Michigan



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Stephen J. Ott directs the firm's practice as National Discovery Counsel for Chrysler Group LLC product liability litigation. His Group also serves as National Supervising Counsel and Discovery Counsel for Chrysler product warranty litigation. With over 25 years' experience in the areas of product safety regulation, product liability, class action and personal injury litigation defense, he assists automotive and manufacturing clients with all aspects of these cases. On the regulatory side, his experience includes recalls, compliance with government regulations customer communications.

EXPERIENCE

Steve represents manufacturers in product liability, product warranty and product-related class action matters. He has also organized and oversees the operation of teams that provide national discovery and case management services to clients in product liability, product warranty, class action and patent litigation matters, and assists clients with government regulatory inquiries.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- American Bar Association
- State Bar of Michigan
- Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association, Volunteer Lawyer Association
- Michigan Defense Trial Counsel, Inc.
- Mediation Tribunal Association, Case Evaluator

HONORS + AWARDS

- Wayne State University Law School, Executive Editor, Wayne Law Review

Stephen J. Ott

- Best Lawyers in America, Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions-Defendants, Personal Injury Litigation-Defendants, Product Liability Litigation 2007-present
- Michigan Super Lawyers, Personal Injury Defense: Products 2006-present

CIVIC, CULTURAL + SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

- City of Northville Fire Department, Captain/Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician
- HEMS, Inc., Trustee

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

- Episcopal Diocese of Michigan, Chancellor

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Successful Partnering Between Inside and Outside Counsel, (Co-authors: Holly E. Leese and Louann Van Der Wiele of Chrysler Group, LLC), Chapter 61 titled "Discovery and Information Gathering," American Corporate Counsel and West Group

Articles

"Five Principles for Effective Discovery Management," Michigan Lawyers Weekly, October 31, 2005

"Professional Responsibility, Annual Survey of Michigan Law," 44 Wayne Law Review 995 (1998), and 45 Wayne Law Review 1127 (1999)

"Torts, Annual Survey of Michigan Law," (Co-Authors: James D. Robb and Richard F. X. Urisko), 37 Wayne Law Review, 1119 (1991)

SPEECHES

"New Approaches to Discovery--Making the Process Work," American Bar Association, 2003 Emerging Issues in Motor Vehicle Product Liability Litigation, Phoenix, Arizona, March 21, 2003

"Overview of the TREAD Act, AIAG, Southfield, Michigan, February 19, 2003



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"Legal Issues Surrounding the Roll Out of Drive by Wire Technology in the Automotive Industry," Society of Automotive Engineers, Distributed Embedded Systems and Software Group, Detroit, Michigan, March 7, 2002

ARTICLES

- Automotive Guide

