

## Thomas G. Parachini

### SERVICE AREAS

#### Business

- Automotive

#### Litigation + Trial

- Appeals
- Class + Collective Actions
- Litigation + Trial Practice Overview

### EDUCATION

- George Washington University Law School, J.D.
- Michigan State University, B.A.

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- Michigan
- Virginia

### COURT ADMISSIONS

#### U.S. Court of Appeals

- Sixth Circuit

#### U.S. Court of Military Appeals

#### U.S. District Courts

- Western District of Michigan
- Eastern District of Michigan



### Of Counsel

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Thomas G. Parachini has extensive experience in a wide range of commercial litigation disputes on behalf of automotive manufacturers and suppliers, including consumer financial services litigation as well as product liability and toxic tort actions.

### EXPERIENCE

Over the past five years, Tom has successfully defended an automotive finance company in consumer class-action litigation in Maryland. He was able to convince the court to dismiss a half dozen class-action lawsuits by being aggressive and innovative and by working hard not to just copy what had been successfully done before. This approach encouraged him and his team to try fresh approaches and be more creative.

*"I am a practical person and a good problem solver. I work to make problems easier, not harder."*

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Michigan Defense Trial Counsel, Inc.
- Defense Research Institute

### HONORS + AWARDS

- Best Lawyers in America, Commercial Litigation 2003-present
- Michigan Super Lawyers, Business Litigation 2006-present
- DBusiness Magazine, Top Lawyers, Commercial Litigation 2011

### MILITARY EXPERIENCE

- United States Army, Captain, Judge Advocate General's Corps, 1969-73

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Faculty, Trial Advocacy Skills Workshop, Ann Arbor, April-May 1989, and May 12-14, 1993

#### PUBLICATIONS

##### Books

Opening Statement (Chapter author), Michigan Civil Procedure During Trial, 2d ed., Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1989

Procedural Overview (Chapter 2), Discovery Practice, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1986

##### SPEECHES

"Anatomy of a Lawsuit: Trial Procedures, Tactics, and Preparation," Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Novi, Michigan, 10/12/86; Southfield, Michigan, 2/3/89

"Evidence," Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Detroit, 2/15/88

"Wrongful Death Case—86," Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 6/3/86; Novi, Michigan, 6/9/86

"Effectively Using the New Court Rules in Your Discovery Practice," The Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 9/19/85; Southfield, Michigan, 9/20/85

##### ARTICLES

- Automotive Guide