

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



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In a legal career as a trial lawyer that spans nearly four decades, Thomas G. Parachini has represented clients in a wide range of commercial, business and tort disputes. He currently represents a large American automobile manufacturer in contract and commercial disputes. He also has broad experience in consumer financial services issues and litigation for a large captive automobile finance company including defending consumer class action litigation. In the past, Tom has had an active product liability and professional liability defense practice, and he still does work in this area.

"I think it is important to remember that each case is unique and not to simply pattern a strategy based on what worked before in a similar situation. I believe in always challenging my assumptions about what at first may appear to be the critical legal and factual issues in each new case."

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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.

Thomas G. Parachini

- 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