

W. Mack Faison

SERVICE AREAS

Litigation + Trial

- Business Torts
- Government Liability
- Product Liability + Torts
- Appeals
- Litigation + Trial Practice Overview

EDUCATION

- Harvard Law School, J.D.
- North Carolina Central University, B.A.
- North Carolina State University

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Michigan
- New York

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. District Courts

- Second Circuit
- Fifth Circuit
- Sixth Circuit
- Seventh Circuit



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A seasoned litigator with extensive experience in all aspects of commercial, product liability and tort law, W. Mack Faison's practice typically involves cases in which he serves as the lead counsel or as a senior counsel in complex matters that require a team of principals, associates, legal assistants and support staff. His broad background in such cases uniquely positions him to get the best results for his clients.

"I am experienced in putting together interdisciplinary teams of lawyers, experts and support staff to represent clients in complex, high-profile cases. I litigate to win."

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EXPERIENCE

Mack's recent cases include serving as lead counsel for a product manufacturer in commercial tort/product liability cases in a series of national class actions, multiple party actions and attorneys general actions. He has also represented a school district in a class action asbestos product liability case, a hospital in a commercial/employment/civil rights arbitration and federal court action, a major financier/real estate company in a buy/sell agreement for a shopping mall, a governmental entity in a class action welfare rights case, and a music company in a First Amendment case. He has recently argued appellate issues in personal injury and police misconduct cases. Mack also does pro bono work, including assisting a client in the purchase of a building.

"When the pro bono matter was resolved in our favor, the client said 'It's good to know that ordinary people can sometimes be represented by Miller Canfield-type lawyers.'"

REPORTED + PUBLISHED DECISIONS

Grain v Trinity Health, 551 F.3d 374 (6th Cir. Mich. 2008)

Kullman v Owens-Corning Fiberglass Corp., 943 F. 2d 613 (6th Cir. 1991)

Bradley v Phillip Morris, Inc., 194 Mich. App 44, 486 N.W. 2d 48 (1992)

Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America v Mall of America Associates, 2006 WL 1888491 (D. Minn.)

Southern States Police Benevolent Ass'n., Inc. v Second Chance Body Armor, Inc., 336 F. Supp. 2d 731 (W.D. Mich. 2004)

Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America v Coleman, 451 F. Supp. 7 (E.D. Mich. 1977)

International Tools (1973) Ltd. v Arctic Enterprises, Inc., 75 F.R.D. 70 (E.D. Mich. 1977)

Parks v Noisivision, 2004 WL 3217781 (E.D. Mich. 2004)

Hajek v Eastern Michigan University Bd. of Trustees, 2004 WL 136746 (Mich. App.)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- American College of Trial Lawyers, Fellow
- Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference, Life Member
- American Bar Association, Litigation Section; TIPS Section
- State Bar of Michigan, Litigation Section; Environmental Law Section
- Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association
- Wolverine Bar Association
- National Bar Association
- Association of Defense Trial Counsel
- U.S. District Court/Eastern District of Michigan, Michigan Civil Justice Reform Act Advisory Group, 1992-96
- Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services, Board of Directors, 1990-92
- United States District Court, Local Rules Advisory Committee, 1993-98

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HONORS + AWARDS

- Best Lawyers in America, Commercial Litigation 2007-present
- Michigan Super Lawyers, Litigation 2006-present
- DBusiness Magazine, Top Lawyers, Commercial Litigation 2011

CIVIC, CULTURAL + SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

- Crisis Turnaround Team for Detroit Mayor Dave Bing, Department of Finance, May 2009-present
- St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center, Board of Trustees, 1998-2006

PUBLICATIONS

Coauthor of chapter on Household Products, Product Liability Guide, edited by John F. Vargo, Matthew Bender (1988)

SPEECHES

Sixth Circuit Judicial Annual Conference, 2010 and 2008, co-chaired panel discussions on Eastern District of Michigan Local Rules and electronic discovery

"Anatomy of a Lawsuit," Closing Arguments, The Institute of Continuing Legal Education, 10/24/94

"The Impact of Recent Federal Rules Changes on the Products Liability Case," Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone Product Liability Seminar, 12/10/93

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Michigan Bench/Bar Conference, Shanty Creek, Michigan, 1991 and 1993