

## Irene Bruce Hathaway

### SERVICE AREAS

#### Business

- Product Safety
- Franchise + Distribution
- Health Law

#### Litigation + Trial

- Business Torts
- Franchising
- Product Liability + Torts
- Product Related Litigation
- Litigation + Trial Practice Overview

#### Governments + Nonprofits

- Sustainable Government Initiative
- Health Law

#### Individuals + Families

- Health Law

### EDUCATION

- Michigan State University  
College of Law, J.D.
- University of Michigan, B.A.

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- Michigan
- Ohio

### COURT ADMISSIONS

#### U.S. District Courts

- Western District of Michigan
- Central District of Illinois



### Principal

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In more than a quarter century of practice as a litigator, Irene Bruce Hathaway has been involved in a wide variety of cases involving industries including manufacturing, food, health care, and franchising. As a result of this broad and varied experience--more than 100 trials, dozens of arbitrations--she can quickly identify those cases that should be settled and those that should be fought hard. For her clients, Irene combines two key qualities--efficiency and attention to detail.

*"I understand that litigation can be an emotionally and financially draining experience for litigants. These problems can best be kept to a minimum by careful and efficient handling of claims from initial investigation, through discovery and trial."*

Irene Bruce Hathaway

Irene's extensive experience includes discovery, and trial of large commercial disputes (including fraud and contract matters), catastrophic tort claims (product liability, premises liability, drug liability, and professional negligence), insurance coverage, and slander and libel. In addition, she has handled many franchise litigation matters, including terminations, contract disputes, and intellectual property matters.

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Litigation Counsel of America, Fellow
- American Bar Association, Tort and Insurance Practice Section, Forum on Franchising, Commercial Litigation
- State Bar of Michigan, Medical Legal Committee; U.S. Court's Committee, Chair
- Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association, Judicial Candidate Evaluation Panel

## Irene Bruce Hathaway

- Oakland County Bar Association, Medical Legal Committee; Circuit Court Committee; Task Force on Rules Change; Circuit Court Discovery Master
- Wayne County, Defense Mediator, 1993-present
- Michigan Defense Trial Counsel
- Defense Research Institute (DRI)
- International Franchise Association
- Women Lawyers Association of Michigan, Former Board Member

### HONORS + AWARDS

- Michigan Super Lawyers, Litigation 2006, 2011
- Michigan State University College of Law, Editor, Detroit College of Law Review
- Sixth Circuit Survey, 1979-1980; Member, 1978-1980

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Oakland University, Instructor, Legal Research and Writing

### SPEECHES

"2011 Reinventing Government: Recover in Civil Litigation for Criminal Wrongdoing," Miller Canfield client presentation, Schoolcraft College, June 9, 2011

### SEMINARS + EVENTS

- Michigan Franchise Opportunities: Legal Aspects of Franchising - What You Should Know Before Signing on the Dotted Line
- 2008 Detroit Area Franchise Opportunities Seminar for Women and Minorities

### ARTICLES

- Justice Served - Pursuing Civil Remedies Against Co-Conspirators in Government Corruption Cases

### NEWSLETTERS

- Hot Points Summer 2011



## Irene Bruce Hathaway

### NEWS

- Irene Bruce Hathaway Appointed Resident Director of Miller Canfield's Detroit Office
  - Miller Canfield Lawyer Irene Bruce Hathaway Inducted to Litigation Counsel of America
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