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James L. Viland

SERVICE AREAS

Business

- Automotive
- Product Safety

Litigation + Trial

- Automotive

EDUCATION

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

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Michigan

LANGUAGES

- French

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Jim specializes in nationwide litigation management, supervising local counsel in warranty litigation matters for a major automobile manufacturer. Jim also assists with national discovery efforts, has worked with OEMs and suppliers in regulatory matters concerning the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), California Clean Air Resources Board (CARB) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and other regulatory bodies, and litigates automotive supply and warranty issues and product-related safety issues.

With an extensive background in the automotive and related industries, Jim specializes in automotive warranty litigation and product safety.

" I manage defense strategies and legal expenses balanced with customer relations, for the client."
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EXPERIENCE

Jim's experience includes working as in-house case manager, quality test engineer and supplier quality assurance representative, and as marketing director for trackside events and merchandise at auto racing and other special events.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- State Bar of Michigan
- RAB-Excel, QS-9000 Certified Lead Auditor
- Society of Automotive Engineers

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HONORS + AWARDS

- Michigan State University College of Law, cum laude; Universite de Paris-Sorbonne, Paris, France, Certificat d'Etudes; Law Week Award for Academic Excellence; Dean's List; Staff Member, Detroit College of Law Review; Faculty-directed Study: Pro-Patent European Community Supports U.S. GATT Objective 1990; Moot Court Program: Niagara U.S./Canada Team; Jessup International Team; Summer Law Program, University of the Pacific; McGeorge School of Law in Salsburg, Austria; Parliamentary Intern, Office of The Honorable David Kilgour, MP, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Michigan State University College of Law, Adjunct Professor, Transnational Legal Research, 2001-2002

PUBLICATIONS

Comment, "NATO and the European Community; Forging the Alliance," 1 Det.C.L.Rev.279 (1991)

"Harmonization Developments Affecting the U.S. and Japan Patent Systems," 2 Det.C.L.J.of Int'l L.407 (1993)

ARTICLES

- Automotive Brochure