

THOMAS R. BEHM

Michigan Trial Attorney

Thomas R. Behm has significant experience in the areas of personal injury law, automobile no-fault law, medical malpractice, complex commercial litigation, product liability involving defective medical implants and construction site negligence. Mr. Behm also serves as a facilitative mediator in a wide range of disputes.



EDUCATION

University of Michigan (B.B.A.1983); Detroit College of Law (J.D. 1986); Law Clerk to the Honorable Richard F. Suhrheinrich, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan (1986-1987)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Grand Rapids Bar Association (President 2014-2015)
- Justice Foundation of West Michigan (Past Chairman and Fellow)
- State Bar of Michigan (Board member—Negligence Section)
- Michigan State Bar Foundation (Fellow)
- Michigan Association for Justice (Former Board Member)
- Federal Bar Association (Member)
- American Bar Association (Member—Litigation Section)

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Lawyer of the Year, Litigation, 2015
- Selected to the Michigan Super Lawyers® list
- Recipient of the 2014 Respected Advocate Award given by the Michigan Defense Trial Counsel
- Grand Rapids Bar Association—President's Award
- American Board of Trial Advocates (Member)
- "AV - Preeminent Lawyer" peer review rating through Martindale Hubbell, the highest rating available for legal ability and integrity
- Peer selected for inclusion in *Leading Lawyers*, a listing of the leading lawyers limited to 5 percent of licensed attorneys in the State of Michigan
- Contributing author for the Institute of Continuing Legal Education
- Served as a Trial Instructor for the Hillman Advocacy Program
- Serves as a facilitative mediator in the areas of personal injury, medical malpractice and complex commercial litigation.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Host and Moderator of “Ask the Lawyer”
- Legal Assistance Center (Vice President)
- Teacher – 3 R’s Program – Ottawa Hills High School
- Legal Aid of West Michigan (Committee Member)
- Pro Bono Counsel for Legal Aid of Western Michigan

TESTIMONIALS

“I have been so impressed with you and your office in the way you completed my mother’s case with levels of professionalism and completeness which for me was exemplary. Over my life of 70 plus years, I have been involved with various law firms in various States for various reasons, but I have never experienced the outstanding support provided to me as what was demonstrated by Gruel Mills.”—RV

“I trust you and your expertise in all this and I am very grateful to have you handling it on my behalf. Thanks Tom!”
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