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Mr. Raphelson focuses his practice on commercial litigation, particularly matters related to the automotive industry, finance and banking.

He also dedicates a substantial amount of time to general commercial cases such as contract disputes, intellectual property litigation, corporate governance and dissolution, dealer and franchise termination, and other corporate law disputes. Mr. Raphelson has deep automotive industry experience, having served in-house for two years as counsel for the seating division of Lear Corporation, a publicly traded Fortune 200 automotive supplier.

He is a former member of the State Bar of Michigan's Ad Hoc Committee on Legislation, ex-officio chairman of the Computer Law Section Council and a former member of the State Bar's Task Force on E-Filing. He is past president of the American Constitution Society's Michigan chapter and treasurer of the Historical Society for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. He is also a member of the Oakland County Bar Association's Circuit Court Committee.

Mr. Raphelson is listed in *Benchmark Litigation 2018* as a State Litigation Star, in *The Best Lawyers in America 2020* under Commercial Litigation, and in *Michigan Super Lawyers 2018* under Business Litigation. He is a *DBusiness Magazine 2019* "Top Lawyer" for Commercial Litigation and is AV Preeminent® Peer Rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

Mr. Raphelson is proficient in French.

Honors, Awards, and Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America 2016-2020*, Commercial Litigation
- *Benchmark Litigation 2018*, State Litigation Star
- *DBusiness Magazine* "Top Lawyers" 2010, 2016, 2018-2019, Litigation-Commercial
- *Michigan Super Lawyers 2006-2007, 2010-2018*, Business Litigation

Civic, Cultural and Community Activities

practices & industries

Automotive and Industrial
Litigation and Alternative
Dispute Resolution
Intellectual Property

languages

French

education

University of Michigan Law
School, J.D.
Kalamazoo College, B.A., *cum
laude*

admissions

Michigan

court admissions

U.S. Ct. of Appeals, 7th Cir.
U.S. Ct. of Appeals, 6th Cir.
U.S. District Ct., E.D. Mich.
U.S. District Ct., S.D. Ind.
U.S. District Ct., W.D. Mich.

professional affiliations

State Bar of Michigan
Detroit Bar Association (DBA)

- Michigan Chapter of the American Constitution Society, Past President
- Historical Society for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Treasurer, Board of Directors
- Trout Unlimited, Michigan Council Secretary, 2008

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-Author (with Thomas Tallerico), "Demonstrative Evidence," *Michigan Bar Journal* vol. 94, no. 10 (October 2015)
- Co-Author (with Jane Derse Quasarano), "Dueling, Dickering, and Delivering, UCC Battles of the Forms in Manufacturing Contracts," *Michigan Bar Journal* vol. 93, no. 10 (October 2014)
- Author, "A Certain Parcell of Land Lying on this Island, Manhatans," *The Court Legacy*, vol. XIV, no. 1 (February 2007)
- Author, "Old Laws, New Laws, and Technology: A Summary of Some Laws Affecting Use of the Internet," *77 Michigan Bar Journal* 1202 (November 1998)
- Author, "Is Alternative Dispute Resolution Right for Your Case?," *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* (May 3, 1993)
- Editor, Computer Law Theme Issue, *Michigan Bar Journal* (Oct 1988 and June 1994)
- Author, "Allocating the Risks of Computer Failure," 5 *Matthew Bender's Commercial Damages Reporter* 137 (July-Aug 1990)
- Author, "Professional Liability of Attorneys," 39 *Wayne Law Review* 815 (Winter 1990) (cited in *Gebhardt v. O'Rourke*, 444 Mich. 535, 542 n. 6; 510 N.W.2d 900, 903 n. 6 (1994))

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- State Bar of Michigan
 - Electronic Filing Task Force
 - Information Technology Law Section, Council
 - Intellectual Property Law Section
 - Litigation Section

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

MR. RAPHELSON'S RECENT MATTERS INCLUDE:

Drive Logistics Ltd. v. PBP Logistics LLC, 2017 WL 4348832 (2017)

DAGS II, LLC v. Huntington National Bank, 865 F.3d 384 (2017)

DAGS II, LLC and G2BK, LLC v Huntington National Bank, et al., 2016 WL 4536328 (August 2016)

Butcher v Lawyers Title Insurance Co. (In re Butcher), 2002 U.S. App LEXIS 2806 (2002)

By-Lo Oil Co. v ParTech, Inc., 2001 U.S. App. LEXIS 11402 (2001)

Blachy v Butcher, 221 F. 3d 896 (2000)

By-Lo Oil Co. v ParTech, Inc., 2000 U.S. District LEXIS 577

(2000)

H.J. Tucker & Associates v Allied Chucker & Engineering Co.,
234 Mich App. 550 ;595 NW 2d 176 (1999)

Jerome-Duncan, Inc. v Auto-By-Tel Marketing Corp, et al., 176
F. 3d 904 (1999)

Blachy v Butcher, 35 F Supp 2d 554 (1998)

Lak, Inc. v Deer Creek Enterprises, 976 F 2d 328 (1992)

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