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Ralph E. McDowell assists clients primarily in the areas of commercial bankruptcy, debtors' and creditors' rights, and workouts. He has represented the interests of banks and other financial institutions in pre-bankruptcy workout situations, commercial bankruptcy cases, and troubled credit situations.

His work with banks and financial institutions includes representation in court proceedings, sale of debt transactions, foreclosures, liquidation of assets, and forbearance arrangements. He also represents numerous clients in the automotive and manufacturing industries in bankruptcy and troubled supplier situations.

Mr. McDowell has represented trustees, creditors' committees, non-bank creditors and various debtors in all aspects of bankruptcy cases and debtor-creditor disputes. Because of experience and skill, he is able to assist the firm's loan origination lawyers in structuring and documenting complex and highly-sophisticated loan transactions. In addition, Mr. McDowell represents the interests of parties in the purchase of assets from trustees, receivers, debtors in possession, and from troubled companies.

Mr. McDowell is listed as 2020 Detroit "Lawyer of the Year" for Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law by *The Best Lawyers in America*. In 2015, he was listed as Detroit "Lawyer of the Year" for Litigation-Bankruptcy.

He is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America 2020* (for over 15 years) under Bankruptcy and Debtor Creditor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation-Bankruptcy, and Bet-the-Company Litigation. He is listed in *Chambers USA 2019* under Banking & Finance: Bankruptcy. He is also listed in *Michigan Super Lawyers 2007-2018* under Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights and as one of the 100 most highly-rated attorneys in Michigan, and as a 2019 "Top Lawyer" by *DBusiness* magazine. Mr. McDowell is AV® Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell.



practices & industries

Automotive and Industrial
Banking
Bankruptcy and Debtor-
Creditor Rights

education

University of Detroit Mercy
School of Law, J.D., *magna
cum laude*
Kalamazoo College, B.A.

admissions

Michigan

professional affiliations

Detroit Bar Association (DBA)
State Bar of Michigan

Mr. McDowell serves on the Board of Directors of Hebrew Free Loan of Metropolitan Detroit, on the University of Detroit Mercy Law School Dean's Advisory Board, and on the Audit Committee of the Detroit Institute of Arts. He was recently honored by the University of Detroit Mercy with its 2019 Alumni Achievement Award.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITION

- 2019 Alumni Achievement Award, University of Detroit-Mercy
- *Michigan Super Lawyers* 2017 "Top 100" Attorneys
- *Michigan Super Lawyers* 2006-2018
- *Chambers USA* 2007-2019, Banking & Finance: Bankruptcy - Michigan
- *The Best Lawyers in America* 2003-2020, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Bet-the-Company Litigation, and Litigation-Bankruptcy
- *The Best Lawyers in America* 2020 Detroit "Lawyer of the Year," Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- *The Best Lawyers in America* 2019 Detroit "Lawyer of the Year," Bet-the-Company Litigation
- *The Best Lawyers in America* 2017 Detroit "Lawyer of the Year," Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- *The Best Lawyers in America* 2016 Detroit "Lawyer of the Year," Litigation- Bankruptcy
- *DBusiness* "Detroit 500" Most Powerful Business Leaders, 2018
- *DBusiness* Magazine "Top Lawyers" 2009-2019, Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights Law
- Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent® Peer Rated for Highest Level of Professional Excellence; Endorsed for High Ethical Standing

Professional Activities

- Detroit Bar Association
 - Debtor-Creditor Rights Committee
- State Bar of Michigan
 - Debtor-Creditor Rights Subsection, Business Law Section
 - Debtor-Creditor Rights Subsection, Real Property Law Section

Civic, Cultural and Community Activities

- Hebrew Free Loan of Metropolitan Detroit, Board of Directors and Executive Committee
- University of Detroit Mercy Law School, Dean's Advisory Board
- Detroit Institute of Arts, Audit Committee

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42 Bodman Attorneys named to "Top Lawyers 2019" by
DBusiness Magazine

10/09/2018

Larry R. Shulman Succeeds Ralph E. McDowell as
Chairman of Bodman PLC

09/10/2018

53 Bodman Attorneys Listed in Michigan Super Lawyers
2018