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Mr. Deitch focuses his practice in corporate law, real estate law, and government relations. He has substantial experience in corporate governance matters, mergers and acquisitions, and structuring joint venture relationships, with a particular focus on the automotive and general industrial sectors. He also advises clients on all of the legal issues arising out of real estate development, leasing, and finance.

As chair of Bodman's Automotive and Industrial Team, Mr. Deitch oversees the firm's representation of automotive OEMs, Tier-1 suppliers, and other major industrial businesses on a global basis. His interdisciplinary team provides comprehensive legal services to automotive clients including corporate organization and governance, automotive commercial matters, litigation and dispute resolution, labor and employment matters, environmental matters, real estate transactions and management, corporate financial matters, and troubled supplier relations. Mr. Deitch has represented numerous foreign suppliers in connection with their entry into the U.S. market and has been a key advisor on cross-border M&A and joint venture

practices & industries

Real Estate
Automotive and Industrial
Business

education

J.D., University of Michigan
Law School
B.A., University of Michigan

admissions

Michigan

transactions involving parties located throughout the U.S. and in Japan, India, Mexico, and Europe.

He is an Emeritus Regent of the University of Michigan, having served for 24 years. The University of Michigan is one of the premier research universities in the United States and home to Mcity, a world leader in the development and testing of automated vehicle technology.

As part of his diversified business practice, Mr. Deitch authored the ballot proposal which was later enacted into law as the Michigan Gaming Control and Revenue Act which authorized casino gaming in the City of Detroit.

Mr. Deitch has been active in public service and community organizations. He is an Emeritus Regent of the University of Michigan, having served for 24 years. He also served previously as vice chair of the Michigan Civil Service Commission, as treasurer of the Michigan Democratic Party, as vice chair of the Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Welfare Reform, as a member of the National Advisory Council to the United States Small Business Administration, as a trustee of the Michigan Cancer Foundation, as a director of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, as a member of the National Advisory Board to the University of Michigan Museum of Art, and as a director of the National Conference for Community and Justice.

Mr. Deitch is a 2018 winner of the prestigious Lexology/International Law Office Client Choice Award for Corporate/M&A. The Los Angeles-based publication *Lawdragon* has named Mr. Deitch one of the "Top 500 Dealmakers" in the United States. Mr. Deitch is listed in *IFLR1000 2024* under Mergers & Acquisitions, in *The Best Lawyers in America 2025* under Corporate Law and Mergers and Acquisitions Law, in *Chambers USA 2024* under Corporate/M&A, and in *Michigan Super Lawyers 2007-2024* under Business/Corporate. He is listed as a 2025 "Top Lawyer" for Corporate Law by *DBusiness* magazine. He is AV Preeminent® Peer Rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITION

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- *Chambers USA 2024*, Corporate/M&A
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2003-2025, Corporate Law, Mergers & Acquisitions Law
- *DBusiness* Magazine “Top Lawyers” 2009-2016, 2018-2025, Corporate Law
- *Michigan Super Lawyers* 2006-2024, Business/Corporate
- *Lawdragon* “Top 500 Dealmakers”
- Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent® Peer Rated for Highest Level of Professional Excellence; Endorsed for High Ethical Standing

CIVIC, CULTURAL, AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- University of Michigan, Emeritus Member, Board of Regents

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- State Bar of Michigan
 - Corporate Law Section
 - Real Property Law Section

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

“Laurence is very calm and patient.”

— *Chambers USA*