

SHAREHOLDER Daniel I. Jedell



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Daniel I. Jedell has a proven track record of success defending high-stakes fire and explosion cases, construction, complex torts, professional liability and employment litigation claims, and business and commercial disputes, both at the trial level and before appellate courts.

Dan leads the firm's Fire and Explosion Litigation practice. A member of the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI) and National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI), Dan works closely with origin and cause experts and forensic engineers to investigate fires, gas explosions, product failures, and other catastrophic losses involving residential, commercial, and industrial facilities and equipment. Dan has defended numerous wrongful death, personal injury, and property loss claims on behalf of business owners, landlords, and commercial contractors. Dan also serves as outside general liability counsel to a statewide property management company.

Dan handles cases that often hinge on complex medical, engineering, and scientific subjects, and frequently involve excess exposure. His ability to interpret intricate issues, develop creative strategies, and persuasively present the facts and law in ways that judges and juries understand accounts for the impressive results he consistently delivers for his clients. Recently, Dan secured the dismissal of a multi-million dollar construction accident case involving a traumatic brain injury. In 2019, Dan prevailed on an appeal affirming his dismissal of malpractice and discrimination claims against a licensed psychologist, resulting in a published Michigan Court of Appeals decision creating new legal precedent. Dan has consistently been recognized by Super Lawyers Magazine as a Rising Star® in civil litigation defense.

Prior to joining Zausmer, Dan practiced law in New York City, where he defended hospitals, doctors, and corporations in medical malpractice, toxic tort, and products liability lawsuits. Among his successes, following a two-week jury trial in a medical malpractice lawsuit, Dan secured the dismissal of a six-figure jury award by demonstrating that the plaintiff's expert failed to establish that the defendant surgeon deviated from the standard of care during a laparoscopic surgical procedure.

Dan earned his undergraduate degree from Colgate University and his law degree from Brooklyn Law School, where he served as Articles Editor of the Brooklyn Law Review. While in law school, he interned with the Manhattan District Attorney's Office and with Judge Kiyo A. Matsumoto of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York. Outside the office, Dan is a seasoned world traveler, wine enthusiast, and golfer, and enjoys spending time with his wife and three young children.



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PRACTICE AREAS

Appellate

Business & Commercial Litigation

Construction

Employment & Labor

Insurance Coverage

Insurance Defense

Malpractice & Professional Liability

Non-Profit & Human Services

Products Liability

Transportation

EDUCATION

Brooklyn Law School,

Juris Doctor, 2010

Articles Editor, Brooklyn Law Review

Fellow, Dennis J. Block Center for the Study of

International Business Law

Colgate University,

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, 2007

BAR ADMISSIONS

State of Michigan

State of New York

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

State Bar of Michigan

Appellate Practice, Litigation, Negligence Law, and Insurance and Indemnity Law

Sections

Defense Research Institute

Michigan Defense Trial Counsel

International Association of Arson Investigators

National Association of Fire Investigators

New York County Lawyers' Association

Oakland County Bar Association

PRESENTATIONS

"Open and Obvious – or is it? What's at Stake in the Michigan Supreme Court Review of the "Open and Obvious" Doctrine," Insurance Alliance of Michigan Claims Seminar, September 2022

"COVID Business Interruption: Local, National Trends, and Strategic Considerations," Insurance Alliance of Michigan Claims Seminar, September 2021

"Insurance Coverage, Exclusions and Strategic Considerations for COVID-19 Claims," Insurance Alliance of Michigan Claims Seminar, September 2020

"Mass Tort Claims, Product Testing & Causation Issues," Toxic Torts & Environmental Law Committee's 25th Annual CLE Seminar, American Bar Association, April 2016

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

"Don't Get Lost in the Singletree Forest:
Avoiding Expert Preclusion Under CPLR
3101(d)(1)(i)," New York State Bar Association
Journal, February 2013

HONORS & AWARDS

Super Lawyers Rising Stars - 2015 - Present

