



ASSOCIATE

Nicole B. Lockhart



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Nicole Lockhart excels in delivering strategic, client-focused guidance, leveraging her multifaceted litigation background for optimal results.

Nicole brings a blend of rigor and relatability to her role in the Insurance Defense group at Zausmer, P.C. Sworn into practice by her cousin, Judge Terrance Keith, Nicole continues a family legacy of legal practice.

Nicole specializes in various aspects of insurance defense, serving a diverse clientele from large property and casualty insurers to mid-market and specialty carriers. Her previous experience in commercial litigation and compliance honed her skills in document review, contract analysis, and compliance, making her a valuable asset in handling complex no-fault coverage questions, premises liability, and commercial liability disputes.

Recognized for her attention to detail and clear communication, Nicole quickly earned a reputation as a trusted adviser. She maintains her edge by attending industry seminars, underscoring her commitment to staying at the forefront of insurance defense practice. This dedication enriches her expertise and ensures that she offers clients the most current and effective strategies.

Outside the office, Nicole contributes to her community as a church group leader and youth mentor. Her creative outlet in R&B songwriting and playing the viola adds another dimension to her professional persona, offering a balanced approach to her work and life.

Nicole's practice is characterized by a unique fusion of legal skill and real-world pragmatism. She expertly navigates the complexities of insurance defense, while her unwavering focus on client success makes her more than just an attorney; she is a strategic partner committed to actionable solutions.

PRACTICE AREAS

Insurance Defense
Insurance Fraud

EDUCATION

Wayne State University,
Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, 2018

Oakland University,
Bachelor of Arts, Writing and Rhetoric, 2014

BAR ADMISSIONS

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

PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

State Bar of Michigan
Litigation section

PUBLICATIONS

"Routing the Business Courts: Interviews with Judge Timothy P. Connors and Judge Victoria A. Valentine; Ten Years of Business Courts in Michigan," *The Michigan Business Law Journal*, Fall 2022
"Business Divorces and the Shareholder Primacy Norm," *The Litigation Journal*, Spring/Summer 2022
"Touring the Business Courts: Business Dockets in Michigan – Ten Years with More to Come," *The Michigan Business Law Journal*, Summer 2021

HONORS & AWARDS

Super Lawyers Rising Star – 2021 – Present



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