

# Richard A. Patton



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Richard Patton is a construction litigation lawyer who brings a distinct perspective to the clients he serves.

While in high school, Richard began working in construction, wielding a hammer to frame houses alongside construction professionals. That interest in building continued into Richard's college and law school years, and construction litigation has been a focus for him since he began practicing.

Richard's litigation experience has also included insurance, collections, and landlord-tenant issues. He has conducted all aspects of the civil litigation process, including discovery, pre-trial motions, court hearings, mediation, arbitration, trial preparation, trial, and other proceedings for a variety of matters. Richard has prepared briefs for the Court of Appeals and the Michigan Supreme Court, and has presented oral argument with successful outcomes before the Court of Appeals. He confidently thrives in the courtroom while effectively advocating for his clients.

In his spare time, Richard enjoys spending time with his young family, including coaching his daughter's softball team. He is also an avid woodworker, a skill from his construction days, and can be coaxed into strumming a tune on the acoustic guitar, which he has played for nearly two decades.

#### **PRACTICE AREAS**

Automotive Industry Business & Commercial Litigation Construction Law

#### **EDUCATION**

## Michigan State University College of Law,

Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*, 2012 Winner, 2010 Moot Court and Trial Advocacy Competition Dean's List

#### **Bob Jones University,**

Bachelor of Science, Biology, 2008 Treasurer, Criminal Justice Association

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

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

## **PROFESSIONAL GROUPS**

State Bar of Michigan, Real Property Law and Young Lawyers Sections
Ingham County Bar Association

