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## Nathan S. Scherbarth

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Nathan Scherbarth is a shareholder and team leader of the firm's Appellate group. He also practices in the firm's Business & Commercial, Construction, Employment, Eminent Domain, Insurance Defense, Insurance Coverage, and Municipal practice groups.

His extensive appellate experience gives him an advantage when defending his clients both in the trial courts and on appeal. Combining strong written and oral advocacy, legal research acumen, and a pragmatic approach, he knows how to avoid potential pitfalls in any given case and how to anticipate potential changes in the law.

Nathan's clients can count on him to analyze complex legal issues with great attention to detail and to vigorously advocate for their best interests. His extensive appellate experience has taught him to anticipate problems and every counterpoint, enabling him to provide a thorough and strategic defense in the trial court. Moreover, Nathan knows how to preserve the record and what arguments to raise and when so that his clients are protected in the event of an appeal.

Nathan has handled dozens of matters on appeal, in Michigan's appellate courts as well as in the Sixth Circuit. He has successfully advocated for clients on appeal in a wide range of contexts, from discovery disputes, zoning, commercial, premises, § 1983, and negligence to complex issues of statutory interpretation.

Nathan attended the Honors College at Michigan State University and earned Bachelor of Arts Degrees with high honors in both History and French, graduating first in his class.

He then lived abroad in France, near the Normandy beaches in Caen, where he taught English to French high school students. He came back to the states and went on to earn his law degree, cum laude, from Boston College Law School. Nathan was also appointed a Lecturer in Law, where he designed and co-taught a university course in Environmental Law and Policy for Boston College undergraduates.

After law school, Nathan started his legal career at the Michigan Court of Appeals, where he analyzed lower court and appellate records and research, and drafted research reports and proposed per curiam opinions in civil and criminal appeals. Before joining Zausmer, he worked at a boutique Detroit appellate law firm representing corporations, insurance companies, and public utilities, where he continued to hone his skills in written and oral advocacy.

Outside of the office, Nathan enjoys spending time with his wife and two children. He also enjoys running, gardening, cooking, home improvement projects, and playing the cello and quitar.



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#### **PRACTICE AREAS**

Appellate
Business & Commercial Litigation
Construction Law
Eminent Domain
Employment & Labor Litigation
Insurance Coverage
Municipal

#### **EDUCATION**

Boston College Law School, Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, 2011

#### Michigan State University,

Bachelor of Arts in History and French, with high honors, 2007 Board of Trustees Award (First in Class Rank) Phi Beta Kappa History Department Merit Award Jeffrey Cole Excellence Award Jeffrey Cole International Studies Scholarship

#### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

State of Michigan

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

#### **PROFESSIONAL GROUPS**

State Bar of Michigan, Litigation, Appellate,
Insurance/Indemnity, and Negligence Sections
American Bar Association
BC Law Alumni Association, Detroit Chapter, President
Michigan Defense Trial Counsel, Amicus Committee
and Board of Directors
Oakland County Bar Association

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

"Police Reports and Witness Statements Therein: A Dual Level Hearsay Challenge," *Negligence Law Quarterly*, Spring 2017

"Primer on Federal Interlocutory Appeals," Negligence Law Quarterly, Winter 2015

"Precluding the Production of Sensitive Documents," MDTC Quarterly, Vol. 30, No. 1

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

"Navigating the Pitfalls of Electronically Stored Information," Association of Corporate Counsel -Michigan, September 2023

"Preserving the Record: Setting Yourself Up for Success on Appeal," Insurance Alliance of Michigan Annual Conference, September 2023

"E-Discovery: A Sword and Shield," Michigan Defense Trial Annual Conference, June 2023

"Applying Ethics Rules to Evidence," National Business Institute, October 2021

"The Future of Open and Obvious: Lessons from Livings v Sage's Investment Group," Insurance Alliance of Michigan, September 2021

"How to Appeal-Proof Your Case," Michigan Defense Trial Counsel, February 2021

"Law of Damages: Additur, Remittitur, and Other Appellate Issues," Michigan Defense Trial Counsel Annual Conference, May 2018

