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Devin Sullivan focuses his practice on eminent domain matters, property law, and commercial litigation in the trial courts, on appeal, and at arbitration.

Devin frequently represents condemning agencies in complex eminent domain cases. He was a key member of the trial team for multiple condemnation trials in Michigan's Thumb region, each of which resulted in the jury finding the agency's original offer was just compensation for the property acquired, and that no additional compensation was owed to the property owners. He has also been instrumental in appellate victories in the Michigan Supreme Court and Michigan Court of Appeals, capitalizing on his written advocacy talents to secure successful outcomes for the Firm's clients.

Devin earned an undergraduate degree in Business Administration, with *high distinction*, from the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business, before attending Harvard Law School and earning his law degree, *cum laude*. At Harvard, Devin interned at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts, the Environmental and Natural Resources Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, and the Federal Trade Commission. He also served as Technical Editor for the *Harvard Environmental Law Review*, a contributing staff member for the *Harvard Journal on Legislation*, and a student coordinator with the Law & Arts Initiative.

Prior to joining Zausmer, Devin practiced in Chicago with Jenner & Block, where he worked on complex insurance defense and commercial litigation matters, including a \$1 billion estate dispute involving a multitude of complicated real estate transfers and trust disbursement issues. He has brought his superior analytical skills, detail-oriented approach, and real-world business sense to his work here, contributing to the exceptional representation the Firm's clients have come to expect.



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PRACTICE AREAS

Appellate
Business & Commercial Litigation
Eminent Domain
Energy Infrastructure
Municipal
Real Property

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School,

Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, 2010
Technical Editor, *Harvard Environmental Law Review*
Staff Member, *Harvard Journal of Legislation*
Student Coordinator, Law & Arts Initiative

University of Michigan Ross School of Business,

Bachelor of Business Administration *with high distinction*, 2007

BAR ADMISSIONS

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

PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

State Bar of Michigan, *Real Property Law and Young Lawyers Sections*
Harvard Club of Detroit, *Treasurer*
Harvard Law School Association of Michigan, *President*
Ross Club of Eastern Michigan
International Right of Way Association, *Co-Chair, Legal Affairs Committee, Michigan Chapter*

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

"BEAD is coming to your ROW: The Broadband Equity Access and Deployment Program," County Road Association of Michigan, December 2023
"All's Fair in Love and Condemnation?," County Road Association, Legal Symposium, December 2022
"Complex Questions of Just Compensation and Relocation," IRWA, International Education Conference, June 2022
"Gordie Howe International Bridge Project," American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials Conference, April 2022
"Gordie Howe International Bridge Symposium," IRWA, Region 5 Fall Forum, October 2022
"Litigating Tricky Compensation Issues on the Gordie Howe International Bridge Project," IRWA (Michigan Chapter), November 2021
"Issues in Michigan Energy and Electric Utility Regulation," HalfMoon Seminars, March 2021
"Contract Clauses You Should Know," County Road Association, Legal Issues Symposium, December 2020
"The Gordie Howe International Bridge Project: Condemnation, Relocation, and Valuation Issues," Colorado Law Institute, CLE International, September 2020
"Maintaining Effective Relationships with Outside Legal Counsel," County Road Association, March 2019
"360-Degree View of Easement Valuation," IRWA, 65th International Education Conference, June 2019, Portland, Oregon
"Making Your Case: Testifying at Depositions," IRWA (Michigan Chapter), November 2019

PUBLICATIONS

"It's not just 'BOILERPLATE'," *Crossroads*, (Quarterly Journal of the County Road Association of Michigan), Spring 2021
"Discovery in the Information Age: Michigan's New ESI Rules," Wayne State University, *Journal of Business Law*, 2020
"Who Owns that Tree? Legal Issues Regarding Tree Removal in the Right-of-Way," *Crossroads* (Quarterly Journal of the County Road Association of Michigan), Spring 2018

HONORS & AWARDS

Crain's Detroit Business "40 Under 40" – 2022
Best Lawyers – Ones to Watch – 2021 and 2022
Detroit Bar Association Foundation, Trustee
Super Lawyers Rising Star – 2018 – 2021



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