



SHAREHOLDER

**James C. Wright**

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James Wright has defended a broad array of insurance claims – first-party no-fault and third-party automobile negligence, premises liability, toxic torts, construction site accidents, defamation, insurance agent errors and omissions, insurance coverage, and even equine liability issues – both at trial and on appeal.

Jim is relentless when it comes to investigating the facts, including creative digital-age discovery practices. In one case, the plaintiff claimed to have sustained a debilitating spinal fracture, yet a court-approved review of her Facebook account uncovered photos of her sledding and waterskiing. In another matter where the plaintiff allegedly suffered a head injury after jumping from a moving car, Jim found pictures online showing the man bowling, riding roller coasters with his children, and flashing hundred dollar bills representing disability payments. Jim employs creative thinking to find solutions to problems and to make sure the playing field remains fair.

After receiving his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan, Jim earned his law degree from Michigan State University. He now educates clients and colleagues on current trial practice trends such as the use of social media in discovery, and has lectured on trial practice topics to groups such as the Property Loss Research Bureau (PLRB), Liability Insurance Research Bureau (LIRB), Institute for Paralegal Education, National Business Institute, and the Insurance Institute of Michigan.

Outside the office, Jim is a devoted family man and seasoned traveler, and during football season, he shuttles disabled fans to University of Michigan home games.

#### **PRACTICE AREAS**

Alternative Dispute Resolution  
Appellate  
Construction Law  
Environmental Law  
Insurance Coverage  
Insurance Defense  
Insurance Fraud  
Municipal Law  
Transportation Law

#### **EDUCATION**

**Michigan State University College of Law,**  
Juris Doctor, 2004

**University of Michigan,**  
Bachelor of Arts, 2000

#### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

State of Michigan  
State of Ohio  
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  
Insurance Institute of Michigan

#### **RECENT PRESENTATIONS**

"DIFS' Evolving Spin on No-Fault Reform," Insurance Alliance of Michigan Seminar, September 2020  
"The Current State of the Law on Material Misrepresentations Made in Connection with Policy Applications and the Importance of Pre-Suit Investigations," Insurance Alliance of Michigan Seminar, September 2019  
"Innocence Lost – The Uncertain Equities of Rescission under *Bazzi*," Insurance Alliance of Michigan Seminar, September 2018  
"SIU Resources, New Tools in Fraud Investigations," Property Loss Research Bureau (PLRB)/ Liability Insurance Research Bureau (LIRB) Regional Adjusters Conference, June 2013  
"Trial Preparation from Start to Finish," Institute for Paralegal Education, November 2012



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