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Sydney Lankford pairs strong legal writing with a practical approach to litigation to help clients understand the process and build strategies that serve their goals.

Sydney's path to practicing law began with an interest in criminal justice and a goal of becoming a police officer. Working as a law clerk, she spent time reviewing deposition transcripts and court filings. That experience shifted her focus from observing legal disputes to helping resolve them. She prepared for law school while working full time, earned her Juris Doctor from Cooley Law School, and was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan in 2025.

In her insurance defense practice, Sydney approaches each matter by identifying the issues at the center of the dispute, analyzing the record, and developing strategies that align with the client's objectives. She values communication that keeps clients informed and replaces legal terms with plain language whenever possible. By building genuine connections with clients, she helps them move through litigation with a clear understanding of the process.

During law school, Sydney earned the Certificate of Merit for receiving the highest grade in Drafting and served as an Associate Editor of the Law Review. Those experiences sharpened the writing, research, and analytical skills that define her practice today.

Outside the office, Sydney enjoys time with her fiancé and their baby. She also plays competitive slow-pitch softball and recreational disc golf.

PRACTICE AREAS

Insurance Defense

EDUCATION

Cooley Law School

Juris Doctor, 2025

University of Toledo

Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice, 2018

BAR ADMISSIONS

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