

# Derek McLeod

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## Practice Areas

- ▶ Aviation & Aerospace
- ▶ Franchising
- ▶ Litigation & Dispute Resolution

## Education

- ▶ Northeastern University School of Law  
J.D.
- ▶ The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina  
B.A., *cum laude*  
Phi Kappa Phi

## Bar Admissions

- ▶ Michigan
- ▶ Ohio
- ▶ Florida

## Court Admissions

- ▶ U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- ▶ U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan
- ▶ U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- ▶ U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio

## Overview

Derek McLeod is an attorney in our Aviation & Aerospace and Litigation & Dispute Resolution practice groups. He has successfully resolved a wide array of complex business, franchise, and employment litigation matters in Michigan and beyond.

Among Derek's areas of expertise are contract claims, business torts, member and shareholder conflicts, non-compete agreements, and myriad other dispute resolution matters. Derek regularly practices before state and federal trial courts and appellate courts, as well as in private arbitration and mediation proceedings. In addition to his active litigation practice, Derek frequently advises clients and in-house counsel on a variety of pre-suit litigation and strategy issues.

## Publications

- ▶ "Uncertainty Abounds: The Joint Employer Doctrine and the Franchise Business Model," Michigan Bar Journal, Vol. 96, No. 5 (May 2017) (co-author)
- ▶ "Preemption and the Michigan Franchise Investment Law," Michigan Bar Journal, Vol. 93, No. 12 (December 2014) (co-author)
- ▶ "Who Can Sue and Be Sued Under the Michigan Franchise Investment Law?," Attorney at Law Magazine, Vol. 2, No. 6 (2013) (co-author)
- ▶ "A Call For Clarity: Forum-Selection Provisions and Michigan's Summary Disposition Rule," The Litigation Newsletter (Fall 2010) (co-author)
- ▶ "*Campbell v DHS*: The Michigan Court of Appeals Resolves *Garg's* Open Question And The Result Is 'Mmm Mmm Good' For Plaintiffs," Labor and Employment Law Notes, Vol. 19, No. 4 (Winter 2010) (co-author)

## Affiliations

- ▶ State Bar of Michigan
- ▶ The Florida Bar
- ▶ American Bar Association (ABA)
- ▶ ABA Forum on Franchising
- ▶ State Bar of Michigan, Former Chair of Antitrust, Franchising & Trade Regulation Section
- ▶ Franchise Practitioners Group
- ▶ Oakland County Bar Association
- ▶ Oakland County Bar Foundation
- ▶ Federal Bar Association, Eastern District of Michigan Chapter
- ▶ The Citadel Alumni Association

## Recognition

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- Michigan Super Lawyers, Rising Star, Business Litigation, 2008, 2010, 2012—2017
  - Michigan Lawyers Weekly, Up & Coming Lawyer, 2008