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“I am a business lawyer who takes pride in understanding my clients' specific business operations and strategic needs.”

Mr. Wittebort is the Chair of the Corporate Practice Group and represents a number of national and international corporate entities. These include automotive suppliers, manufacturers, transportation and logistics providers, and is familiar with various organizational and structural issues, including supply agreements, terms and conditions, and various applicable UCC issues. Mr. Wittebort also acts as virtual in-house counsel for a number of clients involving manufacturing, distribution, and technology and has experience representing private equity in various forms of mergers and acquisitions. He represents privately and publicly held companies and municipalities in various facets of acquisition, disposition, development, and leasing of real property, as well as advising on various governmental tax credits and incentives. Mr. Wittebort has particular experience in representing both downtown development authorities and developers in downtown redevelopment projects involving tax increment financing and other similar types of incentive programs.

Business & Corporate

- Financial Institutions
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Real Estate

In 2008, Mr. Wittebort was appointed by former Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm as a member of the Financial Review Team formed to oversee and assist the city of Pontiac, Michigan with its financial deficit problems. Since, he has often been requested to advise on similar issues involving Michigan's Emergency Manager Law for governmental entities.

He has appeared in numerous publications and radio and television news programs regarding Michigan's Emergency Manager Law and the city of Detroit bankruptcy and reorganization efforts.

Representative Matters

- Frequent counsel to a large private equity company assisting with pre- and post-closing legal infrastructure analysis and operational transition with transaction values varying from \$50MM to \$1.5B.
- Lead counsel to municipality in the offering and sale of a former NFL stadium and concert venue. Services included preparation of RFP and analysis of responses and proposals, coordinating proposal review process, and negotiating deal terms.
- Assisted in the purchase of a NBA franchise valued at over \$400MM, including review of real estate issues, organizational structure, financing, and interfacing with local government.
- Lead counsel for the privatization and sale of a municipally owned hospital and health care operation, including organizing and participating in excess of 40 public town hall meetings, structuring of privatization, preparing documents, and coordinating with municipal bond counsel and investment bankers.

Education

- Wayne State University Law School, 1988
 - J.D.
 - *Wayne Law Review*, Assistant Editor
- Western Michigan University, 1985
 - B.S.

Memberships

- Michigan Bar Association
- Oakland County Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- International Conference of Shopping Centers
- International Lawyers Network, Ambassador
- Building Owners and Managers Association
- Transportation Lawyer's Association

Admissions

- Michigan, 1988

Professional Achievements

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2027
- Thomson-Reuters Stand-out Lawyers - independently rated lawyers, 2022
- Michigan *Leading Lawyers*, 2015-2025
 - "Detroit 500 Most Powerful Leaders," 2025
- *dbusiness*, "Top Lawyers," 2010; 2013; 2016-2017; 2020
- Michigan *Super Lawyers*, 2008-2019
- Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rating

- Various awards for assisting Oakland County Mainstreet Communities
- Boys & Girls Club of Pontiac
 - Three-term President, Board of Directors