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Practice Areas

Governmental Law

Torts & Litigation

Education

- Michigan State University
College of Law, *Cum Laude*, J.D., 2023
- Central Michigan
University, *Cum Laude*,
B.S., 2020

Admissions

Michigan, 2023

U.S. District Court, Eastern
District of Michigan, 2024

Jake W. Hendricks is an attorney in the firm's Torts & Litigation and Governmental Law practice groups. He maintains a wide-ranging litigation practice that includes premises liability, general negligence and governmental law claims.

A member of the Bloomfield Hills office, Mr. Hendricks represents employers and retail clients in slip, trip and fall claims, breach of contract disputes and labor and employment law matters, including negligent hiring, retention, training and supervision issues.

Mr. Hendricks represents municipalities in both state and federal courts in governmental liability matters. His experience includes handling 4th Amendment search and seizure claims and excessive force matters under 42 U.S.C. Section 1983.

A member of the State Bar of Michigan, Mr. Hendricks graduated from Michigan State University College of Law in 2023.

Representative Client Work

- Drafted and successfully argued a motion to dismiss, which was granted, in a slip and fall case where the plaintiff failed to present evidence of the defendant's actual and constructive notice of the alleged hazard and appeared to slip and fall on liquid from her own bottle returns
- Co-authored successful response to a motion for adverse inference due to spoliation of evidence when assistant manager did not intentionally fail to preserve video footage after store employees produced still images of surveillance video of two customers who were suspected of shoplifting from the store prior to the incident.

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The federal court ruled that the act was not intentional.

- Drafted a motion to dismiss, which was granted, in a slip and fall case where the plaintiff failed to present evidence of the defendant's actual and constructive notice of the alleged hazard
- Negotiated numerous settlements in breach of contract dispute, obtaining favorable settlement for clients
- Assisted with case preparation for a high-profile sewer backup matter involving a metro Detroit municipality
- Assisted with multiple police liability cases involving alleged illegal search and seizure, excessive use of force, correctional law liability and a bite by a K-9 unit
- Conducted depositions of plaintiffs and their spouses in asbestos liability cases
- Conducted depositions of plaintiffs and in slip and fall cases
- Assisted with labor and employment matters involving discipline issues, alleged wrongful discharge claims, contract-related issues and breach of contract disputes
- Assisted with premises liability matters on behalf of big box and national retail stores involving slip, trip and fall claims
- Drafted a motion to dismiss regarding a Michigan Freedom of Information Act violation
- Successfully defended client in a business license dispute after proving the retailer had a valid license to do business
- Drafted a pre-suit memorandum that resulted in the plaintiff's attorney dropping four of five asbestos liability cases, including wrongful death actions, where conditions allegedly caused exposure to asbestos-containing projects

Professional Affiliations

- State Bar of Michigan
- Oakland County Bar Association
- Oakland County Bar Association Inn of Court