

Jean Ann S. Sieler

Partner



About Jean

Jean serves individual clients and businesses in Ohio and Michigan with an emphasis on commercial litigation, insurance, agribusiness, real estate and financial matters, construction disputes, and medical malpractice defense.

For over 30 years, Jean has been defending hospitals and physicians in Ohio and Michigan on birth injury, cardiology, radiology, pulmonary, oncology, and surgical claims. Jean has resolved issues for healthcare clients on complex cases whether through negotiations, mediation, or trial. Her legal counsel for healthcare providers also includes hospital premises claims, employee misconduct, and confidentiality issues.

As a seasoned and successful litigator, she has secured multi-million-dollar verdicts for commercial clients. Jean's proven record in commercial litigation includes complex real estate disputes, contract enforcement, and creditor work-out and recoveries. Representing the insurance industry, Jean has defended construction injury claims and coverage disputes.

Raised on a farm in southeast Michigan, Jean has an affinity for farmers and their families. She understands farmers, farm cooperatives, and agribusinesses and offers counsel on real estate, business relations, crop production, and contracting matters.

Jean's depth of knowledge and her forthright manner are valued by clients seeking counsel on matters of all sizes. At the Firm, she is a respected resource for every practice group, helping to analyze diverse matters and recommend a viable solution from trust litigation, competence, business dissolution, bankruptcy, and banking issues.

Relevant Experience

Medical Malpractice

- Jean's work focuses on hospital and physician defense, and also includes hospital premises claims, employee misconduct and confidentiality issues.

Insurance

- Issues range from construction injury claims to coverage disputes.

Commercial Litigation

- Jean's experience is varied and includes complex real estate disputes, trust and estate litigation, and creditor work-out and recovery.

Agribusiness

- With a background in agriculture, Jean works with farm cooperatives, farmers and affiliated businesses in addressing disputes related to real estate, business relations, crop damage, and contracting.

Construction Law

- Jean has handled many construction disputes including both litigation and arbitration of multimillion dollar construction defect/repair claims, delay damages and lien/bond claims.

Education

The University of Toledo, College of Law, J.D., cum laude, 1986; Order of the Coif

The University of Toledo, University College, B.S., magna cum laude, 1983

Bar Admissions

Ohio, 1987

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, 1987

Michigan, 1988

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, 1988

U.S. District Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, 1988

U.S. Supreme Court, 2010

Professional Associations

Construction Lawyers Society of America, Fellow, 2020, 2021, 2022

Michigan Society of Healthcare Risk Managers, Co-Chair Governmental Affairs Committee (2017-2020)

National Association of Women in Construction, Toledo Chapter, Board Member (2012-2013, 2015-2018, 2021-2022); President (2015-2017); Vice President (2021-2022); President, 2022

American Bar Association, Forum on the Construction Industry and Forum on Health Law

Toledo Bar Association, Chair, Citizen Dispute Settlement Program (1993-1995, 1999-2000); Doctors & Lawyers Committee (2005-2007, 2012-2014), Co-Chair Doctors & Lawyers Seminars (2012-2022)

Michigan Defense Trial Counsel

Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys

Lucas County Bar Association, Executive Board and Past President (2011-2012, 2017-2019)

Accomplishments

Martindale Hubble Peer Review AV Preeminent Rating (February 2021)

Super Lawyers Michigan (2020-2022)

National Association of Women in Construction, New Leader Award (2013)

Toledo Bar Association - Commitment to Service Award, Lawyers Under 40 (1998)

Community Involvement

Paul Harris Fellow, The Rotary Foundation

Blissfield Rotary Club, Board Member (2014-15); Past President (2010-2011)

Blissfield Foundation for Educational Excellence, Past President

Executive Council of Lenawee Leadership, Past President

Get in Touch

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