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Corporations and individuals have sought the counsel of Bruce L. Sendek for more than 40 years. He is recognized for his experience in litigating complex disputes involving a wide range of corporate and commercial matters. Mr. Sendek has extensive trial and appellate experience in federal and state courts and has arbitrated and mediated numerous commercial disputes.

Bruce Sendek counsels and represents a broad spectrum of clients of all sizes—plaintiffs and defendants—in an array of industries. He has represented large corporations including major health care systems and automotive and aerospace manufacturers and individuals such as professionals in the medical industry, and suppliers and business owners doing business in a variety of sectors.

Mr. Sendek has prevailed on behalf of clients in cases involving commercial contract disputes and business litigation, including acquisitions and other business sale transactions, automotive supply chain disputes, sales commission disputes, non-compete agreements, and trade secrets. He has obtained successful results for clients in matters including franchise terminations, environmental claims, construction, real estate, securities, and class action litigation, antitrust law violations, civil Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) violations, and financial institution matters.

The list of significant matters Mr. Sendek has litigated during his career is lengthy. He has obtained jury verdicts, arbitrated, and settled countless matters where multi-million-dollar awards were at stake.

Primary Practice Areas

Business & Commercial
Litigation

Litigation and Dispute
Resolution

All Related Practice Areas

Automotive Industry Team

Bankruptcy & Restructuring

Business & Commercial
Litigation

Construction

Construction Litigation

Litigation and Dispute
Resolution

Tribal Law Specialty Team

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An example involving a large jury verdict obtained on behalf of a health care client involved a \$5 million lawsuit brought by a major hospital/health care system in connection with acquisition of a client's optometric centers. The plaintiff-hospital claimed that the defendants misrepresented financial statements and fraudulently induced the hospital to purchase the business. After a two-week trial, the jury found for the defendants on all counts, and our client was awarded approximately \$700,000 in fees and costs.

In a lawsuit claiming breach of representations and warranties and fraud against the seller, guarantors, and seller's actuaries involving the sale of a piston manufacturing company, a \$7.25 million settlement was obtained for a German automotive corporation. The client discovered that the acquired company's balance sheet significantly understated pension and retiree medical benefit obligations. The case raised complex actuarial, accounting, and damage issues.

An example of an arbitration where Mr. Sendek secured a favorable result includes a matter involving a breach of supply contract between an aerospace supplier and an aircraft manufacturer. The client was awarded over \$6 million in damages and an additional \$680,000 in fees and costs which were collected after the successful seizure of the manufacturer's accounts. The aircraft manufacturer was awarded nothing on its counterclaim against our client. In an international arbitration dispute, our client, an English aerospace/automotive corporation, recovered a \$1.6 million award in a claim against a prior property owner for reimbursement of environmental cleanup expenses at a Superfund site.

These are but a few examples of the noteworthy matters Mr. Sendek has handled. He is renowned for his tenacious dedication to obtaining results that matter to clients.

Bruce Sendek is a Shareholder based in Butzel's Detroit office. He serves as a Chair of the firm's Litigation Department. Mr. Sendek has been consistently recognized for several decades by numerous respected legal publications for his experience in business, commercial, and antitrust litigation.

Credentials

EDUCATION

Notre Dame Law School, J.D.

Michigan State University, B.A.

ADMISSIONS

Michigan

MEMBERSHIPS

BRUCE L. SENDEK

American Bar Association

State Bar of Michigan – Litigation Section

Detroit Bar Association

Awards & Recognitions

Crain's Detroit Business – Notable Litigators and Trial Attorneys, 2025

The Best Lawyers in America® – Commercial Litigation, 2003–2026

DBusiness Top Lawyers in Metro Detroit – Appellate Law, Business Litigation, 2011, 2013; Litigation-Commercial, 2011–2021; Antitrust Litigation 2018–2023

Michigan *Super Lawyers* – Business Litigation, 2013–2024

Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business – Litigation: General Commercial, 2018–2025