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Javon David is a zealous advocate for her clients with over a decade of litigation and trial experience. She is regularly recognized for excellence in the areas of business and commercial litigation and specializes in shareholder disputes, franchise litigation, non-compete and trade secret actions, and business contract disputes.

Javon David is a Shareholder based in Butzel's Troy office. She represents clients in the areas of commercial litigation, media and entertainment law, and products liability. She has extensive litigation experience, successfully handling matters from the onset of suit through trial.

As part of her commercial litigation practice, Javon represents business entities in an array of legal issues, including contract disputes, shareholder oppression claims, non-competition and trade secret disputes, real estate, and automotive supplier disputes. She serves on the Business Court and Counsel Committee for the Oakland County Bar Association (OCBA). She also serves on the Board of Directors for the Michigan Defense Trial Counsel Association (MDTC) after serving as its Trial Practice Co-Chairperson. Javon is also a member of Leadership Oakland.

In addition, Javon defends media clients in defamation actions and First Amendment cases. She serves as Deputy General Counsel for the Michigan Press Association (MPA), providing clients with prepublication review and newsgathering advice on sunshine and open-government issues. She advises on clearance projects and performs advertising reviews. Javon serves on the litigation, insurance, and advertising/commercial speech committees for the Media Law Resource Center (MLRC).

Primary Practice Areas

Litigation and Dispute Resolution
Franchise Specialty Team
Trade Secret & Non-Compete Specialty Team
Media Law

All Related Practice Areas

Access, Freedom of Information Act & Open Meetings Act
Litigation and Dispute Resolution
Franchise Specialty Team
Trade Secret & Non-Compete Specialty Team
Media Law
Automotive Industry Team
Content Review and Pre-Publication Vetting
Media Litigation
Media, Entertainment, and Digital Content Law Specialty Team
Mediation and Arbitration Specialty Team
Non-Compete & Trade Secret

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Javon also defends clients in products liability actions and quality disputes, including toxic tort class actions and automotive liability disputes. She previously served on the Board of Governors of MEMA, The Vehicle Suppliers Association's Emerging Leadership Council.

General Background

Javon earned a juris doctor from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, graduating with honors. She was an Editor of *Law Review*, an Executive Director of Moot Court Board of Advocates, and a faculty research assistant. Javon was inducted into the Order of Barristers National Honor Society for excellence in legal writing and oral advocacy. She received numerous academic awards, including Book Awards for the highest grade in International Law, Worker's Compensation Law, and Business Franchising Law. She was also a member of the Dean's Honor Society, and received a Presidential Scholarship for excellence in academia and leadership.

Javon earned a bachelor of arts, graduating *magna cum laude*, from the University of Michigan-Dearborn, with concentrations in history, political science, and psychology. She was on the Dean's List and held board positions in numerous organizations, ultimately earning a Distinguished Student Leader Award, Difference Maker Award, and Student Activist of the Year Award from Amnesty International-USA.

Javon is admitted to practice law in the State of Michigan, the United States District Court-Eastern District of Michigan, the United States District Court-Western District of Michigan, and the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. Javon is also a certified mediator through the American Bar Association.

Recent Noteworthy Successes:

- Served as lead trial counsel in a highly contested trust dispute, securing a \$250,000 verdict, plus attorney fees
- Obtained directed verdict at trial in a multi-million dollar franchise dispute
- Obtained dismissal of a multi-million dollar breach of contract claim regarding alleged ownership of a business and unsubstantiated loans
- Obtained summary disposition on a \$20 million asset purchase agreement dispute between automotive suppliers
- Obtained dismissal of a \$50 million defamation lawsuit filed against a major national news media network
- Successfully defended trustee client in highly complex and contentious shareholder dispute involving \$13 million in damages arising out of purported shareholder oppression, ultimately obtaining an award of \$0 on the \$13 million claims and, instead, client receiving payment of \$750,000 on its counter-claims
- Successfully defended franchisor in defense of contentious and complex franchise agreement dispute, ultimately obtaining a \$0 award on plaintiff's \$3 million claim for breach of franchise agreement

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- Obtained dismissal of a multi-million dollar defamation lawsuit filed against a national online news outlet
- Obtained dismissal of a real property dispute wherein the plaintiff claimed mental incompetence following execution of a quitclaim deed
- Obtained dismissal of an action pending before the American Arbitration Association in a contract dispute involving alleged defective software services
- Secured a nominal settlement in a multi-million dollar death case involving alleged negligence on a construction site
- Obtained a \$300,000 judgment in federal court against a franchisee in a highly contested franchise dispute
- National litigation counsel for franchisor in the massage therapy industry, having recently obtained preliminary and permanent injunctions against former franchisees which prohibited them from (1) using the franchisor's trademarks and (2) otherwise operating a competing entity/business in the restricted territory
- National litigation counsel for franchisor in the fitness and stretch training industry, having recently obtained immediate cooperation agreements re: non-compete, confidentiality, and trademark obligations with franchisees
- Counsel for national manufacturing client, having recently obtained immediate cooperation agreements re: non-compete, confidentiality, and trademark obligations with franchisees

Javon has received the following recognitions for excellence in the legal field:

- *Best Lawyers in America*® - Ones to Watch, Commercial Litigation, 2021-2024
- *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* - Go to Lawyers - Business Litigation, 2025
- *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* - Influential Women of the Law, 2023
- Oakland County's Elite 40 under 40 - Class of 2023
- *Michigan Super Lawyers* - Rising Stars, Business Litigation, 2017-2025
- *Michigan Super Lawyers* - Top Women Lawyers, 2017-2023

Credentials

EDUCATION

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, 2013, J.D., with Honors

University of Michigan - Dearborn, 2010, *magna cum laude*

ADMISSIONS

JAVON R. DAVID

Michigan

United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan

MEMBERSHIPS

International Amusement and Leisure Defense Association (IALDA)

International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions (IAAPA)

American Bar Association

Oakland County Bar Association

Michigan Defense Trial Counsel Association

Women Lawyers Association of Michigan

Chaldean American Bar Association

Chaldean American Chamber of Commerce

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