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Practice Areas

Architect & Engineer Liability

Construction Law

Executive Services

Medical Litigation

Motor Vehicle - No-Fault

Motor Vehicle Negligence

Torts & Litigation

Trucking Liability

Education

- University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, J.D., 2003
- University of Michigan, M.S., 2013
- University of Michigan - Dearborn, B.S., 1998

Admissions

Michigan, 2003

U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, 2011

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, 2004

U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan, 2010

A partner in the firm's Litigation Department, Anthony T. Pieti has a diversified background that gives him unique and in-depth knowledge necessary to handle all aspects of litigation involving nuanced areas in business and the automotive industry.

Holding a master's degree in finance and having previously worked as a mechanical engineer at Ford Motor Company and Visteon, Mr. Pieti has over 20 years of experience in the areas of construction law, insurance defense, professional and product liability and commercial litigation. He has handled complex matters on behalf of construction entities, manufacturers, municipal entities, contractors, engineering firms, restaurants, transportation companies, retail outlets, fabricators and property owners.

In the area of construction law, Mr. Pieti defends clients in matters involving architects' and engineers' liability, insurance law and errors and omissions liability. He represents architectural and engineering design firms, construction managers, general contractors, surveyors, subcontractors, civil engineering firms, owners, and developers in all construction matters both directly and through insurance providers. Mr. Pieti also handles business matters, including contract review, breach of contract and finance deals.

Mr. Pieti's diverse litigation practice also includes the representation of auto suppliers, manufacturers and sellers in breach of contract disputes, product liability claims that allege design and manufacturing negligence and warranty claims related to problems with manufacturing and production. Mr. Pieti has also prepared and advised clients on contracts for manufacturing and production, including waiver of warranty and reducing the period of limitations.

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In addition, Mr. Pieti's has experience defending professional liability claims for medical professionals, lawyers, accountants and agents/brokers. He advises clients on risk management and risk transfer, and he develops strategies to protect against liability by reviewing and revising clients' written and operating procedures. Mr. Pieti also has experience defending first and third-party automobile negligence claims, focusing on commercial insurance policies and interstate trucking/ transportation. He has successfully recovered reimbursement for his clients from insurers higher in priority.

Representative Client Work

- Represented and advised large municipality and construction contractors on claims involving collapse of major roadway and loss of utilities in conjunction with underground excavation and construction
- Represented and advised several architects and civil engineering firms on claims related to construction and design defects involving large housing developments, multi-dwelling developments, commercial developments and major academic institution construction projects
- Represented and advised several automotive suppliers on a range of matters, including design and manufacturing defects, defense of product liability claims, manufacturing injury and commercial disputes regarding supply contracts
- Obtained summary disposition dismissing all claims in a complex legal malpractice action with unlimited damages based on an underlying medical malpractice and general negligence claim arising out of pediatric neurosurgery and the allegedly negligent post-surgical follow-up care
- Obtained summary disposition in a legal malpractice matter representing two lawyers and their law firm against claims from a former client alleging the attorneys were negligent by not pursuing a lawsuit against a physician she claims sexually assaulted her
- Through the No-Fault Act first party (PIP) subrogation statute, MCL 500.3116, obtained recovery for auto insurers with Michigan residents involved in out of state accidents in excess of \$850,000
- Obtained summary judgment on multiple grounds in favor of insurer-client allowing for subrogation of all first party (PIP) expenses paid in a case arising out of an out of state commercial trucking accident that occurred in Kentucky involving a Michigan resident.

Professional Affiliations

- DRI
- Michigan Defense Trial Counsel
- State Bar of Michigan

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Honors & Recognitions

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