

# Lavender joins State Bar's Appellate Practice Section Council

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Courtney A. Lavender, an appellate attorney at Plunkett Cooney, one of the oldest and most accomplished full-service law firms in the Midwest, was recently elected as a council member of the Appellate Practice Section of the State Bar of Michigan.

Lavender, who will serve a three-year term, was elected during the Section's Nov. 21 board meeting after two seats were vacated following the annual meeting. Consisting of the Chairperson, Chairperson-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and 17 at-large members, the Appellate Practice Section Council provides education, information and analysis on relevant appellate law issues through meetings, seminars, public service initiatives and more.

A member of the firm's Bloomfield Hills office, Lavender focuses her appellate practice in the areas of commercial litigation, governmental law, first- and third-party motor vehicle negligence and insurance coverage disputes. She also has litigation experience defending No-Fault and third-party claims, as well as premises liability, pet liability and defamation matters.

Lavender received her law degree, *cum laude*, from Wayne State University Law School in 2021. While there, she served as an extern at the school's Office of General Counsel. Following law school, she worked as a research attorney at the Michigan Court of Appeals. Lavender received her undergraduate degree in 2017 from the University of Michigan.

Plunkett Cooney is one of only a few Midwest law firms with a dedicated team of appellate attorneys. The members of the Appellate Law Practice Group are responsible for over 1,500 cases decided by state and federal appellate courts, including all Michigan appellate courts, the Ohio Supreme Court, the Indiana appellate courts, the California Court of Appeals, and numerous federal circuit courts of appeal.

Plunkett Cooney appellate attorneys are routinely retained to handle cutting edge appeals involving issues of first impression or to seek reversal of large adverse judgments. They have also prepared numerous *amicus curiae* briefs on behalf of firm clients for filing in state and federal courts.



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