

Trio joins State Bar's Insurance, Indemnity Law Section Council

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Plunkett Cooney insurance coverage attorneys Nicholas T. Badalamenti, Shantinique Brooks and Chelsea A. Saferian were recently elected to serve as council members of the Insurance and Indemnity Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan (SBM).

Badalamenti and Brooks were elected to two-year terms during the section's annual meeting held on Oct. 29. Saferian was selected to fill a recent vacancy. The council consists of 10 section members, all of whom are attorneys with expertise in the areas of insurance and indemnity law, as well as those who practice in areas that are affected by these issues. Council members manage the section's business matters, and they provide professional development opportunities for members.

Badalamenti, who is a member of Plunkett Cooney's Bloomfield Hills office, practices in the area of insurance coverage litigation. He also provides coverage opinions and advice to his insurance company clients. In addition, Badalamenti has experience representing clients in first- and third-party auto liability cases and in general negligence claims involving premises and construction liability.

A 2022 *cum laude* graduate of Wayne State University Law School, Badalamenti is also a member of the Macomb County and Oakland County bar associations. He received his undergraduate degree from Princeton University in 2018.

Brooks, who is also a member of Plunkett Cooney's Bloomfield Hills office, represents insurance companies in the defense of complex coverage litigation involving environmental contamination, automotive, trucking, construction defects, product liability, bad faith and personal and advertising injury. She also represents clients in first- and third party motor vehicle negligence litigation, trucking

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accidents, special investigations and medical provider fraud.

Admitted to practice in the state and federal courts in Michigan, Brooks is a 2019 graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. She earned her undergraduate degree from the Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University in 2015. In addition to the SBM, Brooks is a member of the Wolverine Bar Association.

Also a member of Plunkett Cooney's Bloomfield Hills office, Saferian's insurance coverage experience extends to claims involving property coverage, Michigan No-Fault law, premises liability, toxic torts and construction defect. In addition to her coverage practice, Saferian has experience handling first- and third-party motor vehicle negligence claims, subrogation, general liability, premises liability, pet liability and general insurance defense litigation.

A 2019 graduate of Wayne State University Law School, Saferian received her undergraduate degree from Michigan State University in 2015. In addition to the SBM, she is a member of the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan – Wayne and the Detroit Bar Association.

Plunkett Cooney is recognized as one of the nation's leading law firms for insurance coverage litigation. Several members of the firm's Insurance Law Practice Group have been awarded the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) designation. In addition to their litigation expertise, Plunkett Cooney attorneys work with their clients to develop new insurance products and to address emergent theories of legal liability.

Established in 1913, Plunkett Cooney is a leading provider of business law and litigation services to clients in the private and public sectors. The firm employs attorneys in seven Michigan cities, Chicago, Illinois; Columbus, Ohio; and Indianapolis, Indiana.

Plunkett Cooney has received the highest rating (AV) awarded by Martindale-Hubbell, a leading peer review service, as well as recognition by Best Lawyers as one of the nation's leading law firms. The firm has also received Mansfield Rule Certification Plus 2024-2025 for midsize law firms, which recognizes leaders in diversity, equity and inclusion within the legal industry.

For more information about Badalamenti, Brooks and Saferian joining the SBM's Insurance and Indemnity Law Section Council, contact John Cornwell of Plunkett Cooney's Practice Development Department at (248) 901-4008; jcornwell@plunkettcooney.com.

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