

Curriculum Vitae: Peter A. Davenport



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Senior Attorney

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ADMISSIONS

Michigan
Federal Eastern and Western
Districts of Michigan
Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals

EDUCATION

Wayne State University Law
School, J.D. *cum laude*
Wayne State University, B.A.
magna cum laude



KOPKA PINKUS DOLIN

Peter A. Davenport has been an accomplished civil litigator for over three decades. Most of his career he has represented insurance companies—along with their insureds—and self-insured businesses. Peter focuses his practice on Michigan No-Fault, premises, product liability, and professional malpractice matters. His work and trial experience also include matters that he has litigated on behalf of injured plaintiffs. He provides excellent representation while always maintaining a civil and professional manner.

Peter brings to Kopka Pinkus Dolin extensive experience in complex civil litigation matters in state, federal and appellate courts. He counsels clients on a wide range of risk management and legal issues, and is often asked to present basic seminars on areas of Michigan Law, including Lemon Law, civil discovery, indemnification, torts and contracts.

Outside of the office, Peter is active in his local community. He is a regular Red Cross Blood Donor with 34 pints in lifetime donations. For ten years, he was a volunteer member of Board of Directors for Troy Baseball Boosters (non-profit), which includes serving for one year as Chairman and two years as Vice-Chairman. Peter also spent six years as a volunteer youth baseball coach/manager in Troy, Michigan and Fall Weekend League coach for Troy Athens High School based teams.

Case Highlights

- Obtained a No-Cause verdict in a Psychiatry Malpractice case in Wayne Circuit where plaintiff sought over \$1.5 million from the jury for an alleged medication-caused neurological disorder and where plaintiff had rejected a pre-trial settlement offer of \$75,000.
- Achieved a \$10,000 arbitration award for his client (same amount as offered in prior settlement discussions) in an alleged Lemon Law/ Product Warranty and Defect case where plaintiff sought full rescission of the \$265,000 purchase price of the coach or alternatively over \$150,000 damages to return the vehicle to the alleged warranted condition.
- Uncovered important lab results in voluminous medical records and conducted critical trial cross examination of expert and treating doctors (Orthopedic Surgeon and Pain Management Physician) that led to a no-cause verdict in Wayne Circuit in a First Party Auto case where he proved that the alleged injured plaintiff had received expensive pain medication prescriptions long-term, had filled the prescriptions, but had not taken the medication himself, contrary to plaintiff's sworn testimony.

Case Highlights *(continued)*

- Vigorously defended the issue of causation in a “brain injury” third party claim (without a negligence defense) where the prominent plaintiff attorney had publically stated his client would never take less than the client’s policy limits, ultimately obtaining a favorable settlement for well under the insured’s policy limits.
- During the brief time when acting as a plaintiff attorney in a first party no-fault case in Oakland Circuit, Peter obtained a verdict of over \$750,000 against small carrier on a case where no offer of settlement was ever made.
- Obtained Summary Disposition on Oakland County Contractual Indemnification claim on behalf of an insured Religious Entity against the Food Service Company operating on its premises, where Food Service employee was injured while she walked in the parking lot on her way to work. Contractual Indemnification was enforced because the judge held that the employee was comparatively negligent to some extent, as a matter of law, thus satisfying the terms of the contract.

Publications

- “Family Provided Attendant Care: What Proofs Are Necessary? When Is An Hourly Rate Unreasonable?” Online: *No-Fault Newslines*, 8/1/2012. This article was an early analysis of *Douglas v Allstate Ins Co*, decided and filed by the Michigan Supreme Court 7/30/12 and now found at 492 Mich 241; 821 NW2d 472 (2012).

MEMBERSHIPS

Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society (1982-present)

