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#### **Practice Areas**

- Appellate Work
- Arbitration
- Automobile Accident Defense
- Commercial Lines (Premises Liability)
- Construction Defect Litigation
- Coverage Litigation
- Dram Shop Litigation
- Excess Liability Claims
- Fraud Defense/EUO

- Mediation
- PIP
- Personal Lines (Premises Liability)
- Products Liability
- Provider Suits
- Retail and Restaurant (Premises Liability)
- Toxic Tort Defense
- Transportation Defense
- UM/UIM

Raed "Ray" Abboo is a Partner with Kopka Pinkus Dolin and is often called upon by his clients to defend against high-value catastrophic level personal injury claims and has defended hundreds of personal injury cases in trial and appellate courts. Attorney Abboo is responsible for training newer attorneys, handling appeals and trials, managing staff, answering complaints, responding to discovery, submitting cross claims, preparing motions, deposing witnesses, partaking in mediation, and defending all aspects of a case.

Among his responsibilities at KPD, he represents the firm at conferences and on business development visits where he has successfully increased business for the firm with a variety of carriers. Additionally, he is an expert in insurance coverage, bodily injury law, and the Michigan No-Fault Act. His peers often call him for his opinion on complex legal issues and he believes in collaboration between client and attorney to set objectives and reach favorable outcomes.

Abboo has experience serving as general counsel for a medical practice, as well as a cutting-edge business consulting company. He is familiar with drafting, negotiating, and

writing contracts, which include business contracts, commercial leases, professional service contracts, and commercial purchase agreements.

Raed has assisted community members in immigration cases for citizenship, removal, and adjustment of status and has successfully filed petitions on behalf of clients for waivers of inadmissibility. He is also knowledgeable in immigration law matters including employment, investment, student visas, fiancé visas, permanent residency, citizenship, adjustment of status, and removal of conditions.

As a second-generation American, Raed has learned and maintained the ability to speak his native languages of Aramaic and Arabic. He maintains a strong connection to his Chaldean Catholic and cultural roots and served as President of the Chaldean American Bar Association for the 2017-2018 term. Raed credits his family for the success he has enjoyed and the positive impact he has had on others.

Raed received his J.D. from Chicago-Kent College of Law as a Dean's Honor Student from 2009-2011. During his studies, Raed took on challenging roles to gain legal experience including an extern position with the U.S. Immigration Court, clerking as a student attorney with the Chicago Legal Clinic, and interning with the Michigan Department of Attorney General. Raed is licensed to practice law in both Michigan and Illinois.

#### Memberships

• Chaldean American Bar Association, President (2017-2018)

### **Presentations and Publications**

- "<u>Michigan Court of Appeals Ruling in Andary v. USAA</u>" (September 2022)
- "<u>Michigan Supreme Court Upholds Court of Appeals Ruling in Matter Involving</u> <u>Joint Custody Order and the Domicile of a Minor</u>" (July 2022)
- "Enforcing Bahri Policy Language to the Judge and Jury," Insurance Alliance of Michigan Conference (September 2018)
- "Defending a PIP Suit Based on Fraud," insurer presentation (September 2018)
- "<u>A Plaintiff in a PIP Suit May Not Present a Limited Claim to Case Evaluation nor</u> <u>Accept with Ad Hoc Conditions per MCR 2.403</u>" (July 2018)
- "<u>Michigan Supreme Court Finds That Providers Do Not Have a Direct Cause of</u> <u>Action Under the No-Fault Act in Landmark Covenant Decision</u>" (June 2017)
- "<u>Relief for No-Fault Insurers When a Claimant Refuses to Attend an Independent</u> <u>Medical Examination per MCL 500.3151</u>"(May 2016)
- "Michigan No-Fault Act Reform Up for Consideration in Lansing," *Chaldean American Bar Association Newsletter* (April 2015)

# **Trial and Case Highlights**

- In 2023, Mr. Abboo recovered approximately \$7,000,000 for an insurer after multiple appeals and an evidentiary hearing, finding in his client's favor.
- In 2022, Mr. Abboo set new law at the Michigan Court of Appeals, creating a new framework of legal analysis for injured minors of separated parents, seeking coverage for medical treatment for their injuries.
- In 2022, Mr. Abboo handled a Michigan case before the Michigan Court of Appeals and Michigan Supreme Court, and obtained a reversal of a lower court decision resulting in a dismissal of fraudulent claims.

## Admissions

- Michigan
- Illinois

## Education

- Chicago-Kent College of Law, J.D. (2011)
- Wayne State University, B.A., cum laude (2008)