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PRACTICE AREAS

Alternate Dispute Resolution
Construction Law Litigation
Insurance Coverage And Indemnity Law
Auto/PIP
Premises Liability
Product Liability
Professional & Healthcare Liability
Transportation, Trucking And Highway Liability
Aviation Law And Litigation
Design Professional Representation

EDUCATION

Central Michigan University, B. S., Business Administration majoring in Material and Logistics Management, 1990
The Detroit College of Law, cum laude, J.D. 1993

LICENSES

State Bar of Michigan 1993
United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan 1994
United States District Court, Western District of Michigan 1996
United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit 2011



MEMBERSHIPS

State Bar of Michigan, Litigation and Negligence Sections

Defense Research Institute

Oakland County Bar Association

Michigan Defense Trial Council

HONORS AND AWARDS

“AV Preeminent” rating by Martindale-Hubbell, the highest rating given Defense Research Institute

BIO

DONALD C. BROWNELL is a Shareholder with Vandeveer Garzia and focuses his practice on the defense of civil litigation matters throughout the State of Michigan. Mr. Brownell currently serves as the President of Vandeveer Garzia and is a Co-Managing Partner of the firm. Mr. Brownell has been an attorney with Vandeveer Garzia since 1993.

Mr. Brownell is lead counsel of a team of attorneys handling construction claims, premises liability claims, product claims, professional negligence matters as well as transportation, trucking and highway liability matters. Mr. Brownell is also involved in the defense of several insurance carriers involving catastrophic First Party Automobile claims. Mr. Brownell also represents a diverse group of clients in commercial disputes. Mr. Brownell has experience in lead paint claims, mold claims, food borne illness claims, product design and manufacturing defect claims, and real estate disputes.

Mr. Brownell is also actively involved in risk management for several clients, drafting policy and procedures manuals to address specific client’s issues and needs. Mr. Brownell has also led a team of attorneys in drafting new policy language for insurance carriers to address new statutes and case law. As a trial lawyer Mr. Brownell has defended clients in the State Courts of Michigan, the Federal Courts and has been admitted pro hac vice in numerous other states to defend clients when needed. Mr. Brownell has tried numerous cases to verdict, including catastrophic injury matters, product liability matters, premises liability matters, construction matters as well as insurance coverage claims. Mr. Brownell has also appeared before the Michigan Court of Appeals and the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati and has significant appellate experience.

Mr. Brownell serves as a Case Evaluator in Wayne County. Mr. Brownell also routinely conducts seminars for various clients and national insurance carriers. Mr. Brownell has also been a speaker for The Institute of Continuing Legal Education in Michigan.