



Andrea L. Hansen

Partner



Practices

- Litigation
- Government Relations and Regulatory
- Appellate Advocacy

Education

- University of Michigan Law School, J.D., *cum laude*
- Michigan State University, B.A.

Admissions

- Michigan

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

Andrea Hansen is a litigation attorney with a particular focus on gaming, election, and appellate law.

- *Gaming*: Represents and counsels casinos and suppliers to casinos; concentrates in gaming regulatory issues, advises clients on the requirements of Michigan Gaming Law and represents clients in administrative hearings; possesses extensive experience with licensing issues, compliance matters, and regulatory proceedings before the Michigan Gaming Control Board; represents gaming clients with respect to business matters and litigation of particular concern to the gaming industry
- *Election law*: Represents and counsels candidates and companies with respect to campaign finance issues, formation of candidate committees, and PACs and compliance therewith; extensive experience in preparing and challenging ballot initiatives at a local, county, and state level before the Board of State Canvassers, Michigan Court of Appeals, and Michigan Supreme Court; experience with state regulation of campaign finance and lobbying issues, forms, and compliance matters; and election law experience, including recount and recall procedures
- *Appellate*: Serves as appellate counsel in state and federal courts on commercial, gaming, election, divorce, employment, and other complex matters



Khalilah V. Spencer

Partner
Ex-Officio Member, Board of Directors



Practices

- Litigation
- Class Actions
- Securities and Corporate Governance Litigation
- Environmental
- State and Local Tax (SALT)
- Government Relations and Regulatory

Education

- University of Michigan Law School, J.D., Howard and Howard Scholarship
- University of Michigan, B.A., Political Science

Admissions

- Michigan

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

Khalilah Spencer is a partner in the firm's Litigation Department. Recognized as a *Super Lawyer-Rising Star*, she has significant and successful experience in several jury trials and arbitrations involving a wide variety of complex commercial, environmental tort and employment matters. She primarily represents public and private companies in various industries including automotive, financial services, telecommunications, and real estate. She also has significant pro bono experience in civil rights advocacy related to public education, voting rights, and election protection.

Khalilah also serves as Honigman's Inclusion, Equity and Social Responsibility Partner. In that role, she serves as an ex-officio member of the firm's Board of Directors, chairs the firm's Diversity and Inclusion Committee, and leads the firm's women and minority recruitment and community outreach activities. Additionally, Khalilah is responsible for development and implementation of firm's pro bono and social responsibility programs.



Douglas E. Mains

Partner

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Practices

- Zoning and Land Use
- Government Relations and Regulatory
- Litigation

Education

- University of Alabama School of Law, LL.M., Business Transactions, *summa cum laude*
- University of Mississippi School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, Criminal Law Certificate, with *honors*
- Cornell University, B.A.

Admissions

- Michigan
- Mississippi

Douglas Mains specializes in government relations and regulatory law, with a particular emphasis on providing strategic advice to clients regarding public policy, legislation, and regulatory issues. After serving as a Senior Policy Advisor and Deputy Legal Counsel to two Speakers of the Michigan House of Representatives, Mr. Mains has extensive contacts throughout the Capitol and is particularly adept at helping clients positively interact with state agencies, elected officials, and executive and legislative staff.

Mr. Mains also has extensive experience as a litigation attorney, representing a wide array of clients in state and federal courts, as well as in administrative proceedings. Mr. Mains has been appointed a Special Assistant Attorney General on multiple occasions, representing state agencies, legislators, and executive staff in a number of high-profile lawsuits.

Having helped draft the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act and the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act, Mr. Mains is recognized as being at the forefront of Michigan's evolving cannabis and hemp laws. In addition to being frequently asked to speak on legislative and legal developments in those industries, Mr. Mains also regularly advises members of the Michigan Legislature and legislative staff on cannabis-related issues.

- Has helped draft, and served as counsel to, a number of successful state and local ballot initiatives, including Proposal 1 of 2018, which legalized recreational marijuana in Michigan, and the 2018 ballot initiative to authorize medical marijuana facilities in Pontiac
- Has helped draft, and successfully advocated for, a number of state laws and local ordinances related to cannabis, including the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act, the City of Detroit caregiver center ordinance, and the City of Lansing medical marijuana facilities ordinance
- Represents and advises individuals, national and international companies, trade associations, and ballot question committees involved in the cannabis and hemp industries
- Has assisted more than 100 applicants secure state marijuana and hemp licenses in Michigan, including successfully assisting clients in obtaining licenses for every type of medical marijuana facility
- Has advised clients in the cannabis and hemp industries on regulatory issues related to mergers and acquisitions, capital raising, intellectual property licensing, and real estate matters
- Represents clients in various administrative matters before state regulatory bodies, including the Michigan Public Service Commission and Michigan Liquor Control Commission
- Has experience in employee benefits litigation in both ERISA and non-ERISA cases
- Appears on behalf of clients before legislative bodies, including committees of the Michigan Legislature, the Detroit City Council, and the Lansing City Council



Andrew M. Pauwels

Partner



Practices

- Litigation
- Complex Commercial Litigation
- Class Actions
- Private Equity Litigation
- Intellectual Property Litigation

Education

- University of Notre Dame Law School, J.D., *summa cum laude*
- University of Notre Dame, B.A., *cum laude*

Admissions

- Michigan

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan

Andrew Pauwels is a litigation attorney who focuses on media law litigation, complex commercial litigation, and intellectual property litigation matters. He has experience litigating disputes in various state and federal courts, in Michigan and throughout the country. Andrew represents clients in various phases of litigation and has significant experience drafting motions, including dispositive motions, and managing discovery issues.

- Represents local and national print and broadcast media companies in defamation, media access, and other litigation and counsels media clients regarding subpoena and search warrant disputes
- Represents private equity firms and their portfolio companies in commercial litigation and internal investigations typically involving allegations of criminal or civil fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, and breach of contract
- Represents companies and individuals in contract disputes, supply chain litigation, business torts, class action defense, and other high stakes litigation



Keith D. Underkoffler

Associate



Practices

- Litigation
- Complex Commercial Litigation
- Government Relations and Regulatory

Education

- George Mason University School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*
- University of Alberta, M.A., Philosophy
- Iowa State University, B.A., Philosophy, *magna cum laude*, with *honors*

Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Michigan

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan

Keith Underkoffler is an attorney in the complex commercial litigation and government relations and regulatory practice groups. With experience at all levels of the court system, and in both state and federal government, Keith is uniquely positioned to assist clients at all stages of litigation and regulatory proceedings.

Keith's broad range of experience includes conducting legal research, drafting memoranda, handling discovery issues, drafting motions and briefs in trial and appellate courts, and preparing for oral arguments and committee hearings.



Peter B. Ruddell

Partner
Co-Leader, Government Relations and Regulatory Practice
Group



Practices

- Health Care
- Litigation
- Government Relations and Regulatory
- Insurance Regulatory

Education

- Michigan State University
College of Law, J.D.
- Michigan State University,
B.A.

Admissions

- Michigan

Peter Ruddell is an accomplished attorney and government relations advisor with more than two decades of experience around state government, public policy, and elections. He is widely recognized for his experience in representing clients with their health, insurance, education, and budget issues. Among his many legislative accomplishments, he is highly regarded for his work in passing the Dr. Ron Davis Smoke-free Air Law, which made all Michigan restaurants, bars, and work sites smoke-free. He is sought after for his advice and guidance on complicated regulatory and legislative issues. The Speaker of the House appointed Peter as his representative to the 21st Century Education Commission.