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### Practice Areas

Insurance Coverage Law

A partner in the firm's Bloomfield Hills office, Danny C. Allen focuses his practice in the area of insurance coverage.

### Education

- Wayne State University Law School, J.D., 2007
- Roosevelt University, M.A., 2000
- Albion College, B.A., 1996

As former house counsel for a major American insurance carrier, Mr. Allen has experience handling insurance-related claims involving homeowner liability, trucking liability, premises liability and general liability coverage, as well as related appeals. He serves as approved panel counsel for numerous national insurance companies.

### Admissions

Michigan, 2007

In addition to his coverage practice, Mr. Allen has experience defending insured motorists, rental car companies and corporations in no-fault coverage disputes and motor vehicle negligence suits.

A member of the State Bar of Michigan since 2007, Mr. Allen received his law degree from Wayne State University Law School. He received his master's degree from Roosevelt University in 2000 and his undergraduate degree from Albion College in 1996.

### Representative Client Work

- Serving as first chair, successfully tried a third-party bodily injury action to verdict in Wayne County Circuit Court
- Argued and appealed, including writing applications for leave to the Michigan Supreme Court, claims involving personal protection insurance, bodily injury, negligent entrustment, premises liability, insurance reimbursement actions and procedural and evidentiary issues
- Obtained summary judgment in a first-party personal protection insurance case that resulted in the dismissal of over \$400,000 in

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medical expenses which were related to the plaintiff's failure to comply with the insurance policy's and no-fault act's coordination provisions

- Provided legal advisory opinions for a variety of auto-insurance carriers on issues – such as self-funded ERISA plans, superior coordination provisions, and valid exclusions of auto-related injuries – where a health care plan would seek to avoid providing primary medical coverage to those injured in auto-accidents
- Represented and defended a variety of clients, including personal and commercial insurance carriers, at the trial court level for claims involving personal protection insurance, bodily injury, uninsured/underinsured motorist, negligent entrustment, dog bites, premises liability and insurance reimbursement actions
- Obtained summary judgment against the Michigan assigned claims plan's assigned insurer on a statute of limitations issue, shielding the auto-insurer client from substantial exposure
- Obtained summary judgment in matters involving insurance fraud where the insured intentionally misrepresented information to obtain benefits or to procure the policy of insurance
- Obtained summary judgment in multiple premises liability/slip-and-fall cases
- Obtained summary judgment in no-fault matters involving priority disputes among insurance carriers as well as other matters involving the payment of personal protection insurance benefits under the statute

### **Publications and Lectures**

- *Preliminary Exams and Probable Cause: What's Wrong Here?*, Hon. Dennis N. Powers & Dan Allen, 88 Mich. B. J. 33, Sept., 2009
- *Advances in ABC relaxation: Applications and Inventories*, (pp. 157-160), (pp. 161-164), (pp. 187-189), In J. C. Smith (Ed.), New York 2001
- The construction of and relationship between relaxation and stress state scales among hikers, Presenter, annual Midwestern Psychological Association Conference, Chicago, IL, 2000

### **Professional Affiliations**

- State Bar of Michigan