

Forbush joins prestigious national group of trial attorneys

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Plunkett Cooney partner Audrey J. Forbush, the managing partner of the firm's Flint, Michigan office, was recently inducted as a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA).

"I'm really honored to have been selected to join ABOTA," said Forbush, who serves as a member of Plunkett Cooney's Board of Directors and as Co-leader of the firm's Governmental Law Practice Group. "This organization has so many talented trial attorneys, and I look forward to working with them to keep improving standards and attorneys' skills in trial practice."

Forbush was formally inducted into ABOTA when the organization's national board voted in its new class on Oct. 3. Membership is by invitation only. Members must have at least five years of active experience as trial lawyers, have tried at least 10 civil jury trials to conclusion and possess additional litigation experience. Members must also exhibit the virtues of civility, integrity and professionalism by following both ABOTA's code of professionalism and principles of civility.

Founded in 1958, ABOTA is a national association of highly experienced trial lawyers and judges, dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the civil jury trial right provided by the Seventh Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. ABOTA's membership consists of more than 7,600 plaintiff and defense lawyers and judges from 96 chapters in all 50 states and in the District of Columbia.

Forbush focuses her trial practice primarily in the area of municipal liability with particular expertise in police liability cases, including search and seizure, use of force, pursuits and correctional law. Her practice includes additional expertise in the areas of civil rights, whistleblower claims; labor and employment, zoning law and personal injury claims. Forbush also advises public and private universities with respect to Title IX claims of alleged sexual assaults on campus, and she maintains a busy professional liability practice defending physicians and hospitals in medical liability cases.

Forbush is a member of the Genesee County Bar Association, and she serves on the Board of the Governmental Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan. Additionally, she serves as the legal adviser to the Law Enforcement Action Forum, an organization consisting of select law enforcement executives throughout Michigan that addresses trending issues in law enforcement and drafts model police



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Established in 1913, Plunkett Cooney is a leading provider of transactional and litigation services to clients in the private and public sectors. The firm employs approximately 150 attorneys in seven Michigan cities, Chicago, Illinois, Columbus, Ohio and Indianapolis, Indiana. Plunkett Cooney has achieved the highest rating (AV) awarded by Martindale-Hubbell, a leading, international directory of law firms. The firm was also selected by Crain's Detroit Business as its inaugural Law Firm of the Year.

For more information about the induction of Audrey Forbush as a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates, contact the firm's Director of Marketing & Practice Development John Cornwell at (248) 901-4008 or jcornwell@plunkettcooney.com.

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