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In addition to a very busy litigation practice, Lee also has an active mediation/alternative dispute resolution practice. He is one of only three Mediators in Michigan to be selected as a Fellow of the American College of Civil Trial Mediators and has also been selected as a member of the American Arbitration Association's prestigious Master Mediator Panel which is comprised of AAA's top Mediator's as rated by attorneys that handle large complex disputes. He has also been selected as a member of the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals, was named by Best Lawyers In America as the 2021 Grand Rapids Lawyer of the Year for Mediation, has been on the approved list of mediators for the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan since 2003, and regularly serves as an Arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association, as well as in

## Primary Practice Areas

Litigation and Dispute  
Resolution  
Mediation and Arbitration  
Specialty Team

## All Related Practice Areas

Automotive Law  
Business & Commercial  
Litigation  
Construction  
Construction Litigation  
Employment Litigation  
Job Discrimination & Wrongful  
Discharge  
Labor and Employment  
Litigation and Dispute  
Resolution  
Media Litigation  
Mediation and Arbitration  
Specialty Team  
Non-Compete & Trade Secret  
Product Liability Litigation  
Real Estate  
Real Estate Litigation  
Supply Chain Management

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private arbitrations. Lee has successfully mediated over 800 cases in state and federal courts throughout Michigan and takes great pride in the fact that an extremely high percentage of the cases he mediates settle as a result of the mediation. As a mediator, Lee approaches every matter fully prepared and he is known for his tenacity and his ability to settle difficult cases by never giving up and believing that every case can be settled. As a trial lawyer with over 35 years experience who has litigated over a thousand cases, mediated over 800 disputes, served as an arbitrator in over 75 matters, and earned the highest rankings from his peers for his legal ability, Lee is uniquely qualified to analyze a case and help the parties reach a settlement.

Mr. Silver specializes in:

- Contract Disputes
- Shareholder and Partnership Disputes, including claims of Minority Shareholder Oppression
- Employment Disputes
- Covenants Not To Compete, Trade Secrets, and Unfair Competition
- Construction Disputes representing owners, contractors, and design professionals
- Supply Chain disputes in the auto industry and other industries
- Probate Litigation
- Uniform Commercial Code
- Financial Services Litigation
- Defamation and Business Disparagement
- Fraud
- Business Torts, including claims for Tortious Interference, Conversion, and Breach Of Fiduciary Duty
- Real Estate Disputes
- Professional Malpractice involving Legal, Accounting, and Design Professionals
- Commission Disputes, including Procuring Cause Claims
- Constitutional and Civil Rights Claims
- Corporate Governance and Liability of Corporate Officers and Directors
- Complex Commercial Litigation

### News

Grand Rapids Attorney Among Michigan's Go-to Trial Lawyers for Bet-the-Company Litigation

New York Times: Charges Against Former Michigan State President Are Dismissed

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The Detroit News: Judge dismisses charges against former MSU president Simon in Nassar case

Mistakes Made During Lou Anna Simon Interview, Detective Concedes

### Credentials

#### EDUCATION

J.D., Indiana University School of Law, 1984 (First Place, Moot Court Competition; Member, National Moot Court Team; Teaching Assistant in Appellate Advocacy)

B.A., with honors, University of Redlands, 1981

#### ADMISSIONS

State Bar of Michigan

United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

United States District Court for the District of Colorado

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia

United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan

#### MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association (Litigation, Business Law, and ADR Sections)

Federal Bar Association for the Western District of Michigan

American Association for Justice

Michigan Association for Justice

Grand Rapids Bar Association (Past Chairman of the Bench/Bar Committee; Past Member of the Judicial Evaluation, Finance, and Court Liaison Committees).

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### Awards & Recognitions

*The Best Lawyers in America*, Commercial Litigation, Bet-the-Company Litigation, and Mediation, 2012-present

*The Best Lawyers in America*, 2023 Lawyer of the Year for Bet-the-Company Litigation in Grand Rapids

*The Best Lawyers in America*, 2021 Lawyer of the Year for Mediation in Grand Rapids

*Michigan Super Lawyers*, Commercial Litigation, 2007-present

*Michigan Super Lawyers*, Top 100 Attorneys in Michigan, 2021 & 2022

Selected as a Fellow of the American College of Civil Trial Mediators.

Selected as a member of the American Arbitration Association's Master Mediator Panel which is comprised of AAA's top mediators as rated by attorneys.

AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell every year since 1997 (the highest rating possible for legal ability and ethics).

Selected, Grand Rapids Magazine's List of Top Lawyers.

Selected for inclusion in "Leading Lawyers" for Commercial Litigation and ADR Law.

Selected as a Fellow in "Litigation Counsel of America."

Selected, America's Top 100 High Stakes Litigators.

Fellow, American Bar Foundation.

Previous member of the Board of Directors of the International Society of Primerus Law Firms.

Selected as a faculty member for the Hillman Advocacy Program.

Member, Million Dollar Advocates Forum.

Selected, National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals.