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Top Skills

Litigation
Personal Injury
Trial Practice

Gerald Acker

Commissioner and U.S. Section Chair
Southfield, Michigan, United States

Summary

Gerald H. Acker is the founder and managing partner of the Michigan personal injury law firm of Goodman Acker P.C. Since the founding of the firm in 1993, Gerald has been instrumental in its development, growth and continued success, including numerous million-dollar outcomes for his clients.

Gerald specializes in personal injury law, complex and catastrophic auto claims (both first and third party claims), and premises liability claims.

A Michigan native, Gerald received his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan in 1977 and then got his J.D. from Wayne State University Law School in 1981. Gerald exemplifies his firm's core values of hard work, honesty, and servicing the client above all else and always leads by example resulting in the profound respect of the legal community, staff and clientele alike.

Named Michigan SuperLawyer by SuperLawyer Magazine for multiple continuous years, named Leaders in the Law 2014 by Michigan Lawyers Weekly, past President of Michigan Association for Justice are just a few of the many awards and accomplishments Gerald has received.

He has also long been active in the political arena, working on behalf of candidates who support continued access to justice for individuals. Gerald has served on the national finance committee for President Obama in 2008 and 2012, for Presidential candidate John Kerry in 2004, and as vice chair of the finance committee for the election campaigns of U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow in 2000 and 2006, as chair and co-chair.

When Gerald is not practicing law or being active in the political arena, you will find Gerald playing basketball, rooting on the U of M basketball team, and running.

However, the biggest enjoyment for Gerald is practicing as an attorney and the satisfaction he derives from working with his clients. "It's gratifying to me when I can spend the time that's needed with each family and make sure they get what they need to start rebuilding their lives," says Gerald.

Experience

IJC - International Joint Commission
Commissioner and Designated American Chair
July 2023 - Present (4 months)
Detroit Metropolitan Area

Goodman Acker P.C.
Senior Partner
May 1984 - July 2023 (39 years 3 months)
Personal Injury litigation practice

Michigan Association of Justice
Past President
June 2014 - May 2015 (1 year)

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan
Director
August 2010 - March 2012 (1 year 8 months)

Education

Wayne State University Law School
J.D. · (1978 - 1981)

University of Michigan
BGS · (1974 - 1977)

Berkley High School