



|| General Litigation

Our lawyers really do try cases, but they know how much our clients hate the time, expense and uncertainty of that type of work. We pride ourselves on finding creative approaches to exceed our clients' expectations in ways that do not disrupt their lives and businesses.

Clients include individuals to Fortune 500 corporations. All benefit from our:

- **Client Support** - Foster Swift's number one priority is listening to the client and establishing regular and open communication regarding their matter.
- **Breadth of experience and knowledge of the law** - With 20-plus attorneys on the litigation team and offices throughout the state, we have extensive experience handling all types of cases as well as familiarity with the courts, judges and lawyers throughout Michigan. Today, litigation matters do not always end up in the courtroom. Firm attorneys are well versed in taking cases to trial as well as representing our clients in mediation and arbitration proceedings.
- **Case evaluation and management** - Foster Swift makes efficient use of technology to research law, evaluate cases and manage documents for litigation. These tools along with our attorneys' bank of experience and client's goals assist in the selection of the appropriate strategy for each case.
- **Perspective** - We look at all sides of the matter - plaintiff, defendant, judge and jury. This 360 degree perspective is facilitated by our lawyers who are former judges, prosecuting attorneys, as well as credentialed arbitrators, mediators and neutrals.
- **Resources** - Often key to a case is incorporating the specialized knowledge of subject-matter experts. Clients benefit from the extensive professional relationships our litigators have developed with qualified experts throughout the United States and internationally. We often use these experts to evaluate, report, and testify on behalf of our clients.
- **Professionalism** - Foster Swift's litigation group is highly regarded by clients, peers and the bench. As one member of the group puts it, "Integrity is our calling card...as much as our experience, as our abilities and our commitment to the communities we serve. We are known and respected for our integrity to our clients, our adversaries and our system of justice."

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Our litigation and dispute-resolution clients call on us to represent them in a variety of areas, including:

- Administrative and Agency proceedings - including insurance regulatory issues, professional and occupational licensing
- Administrative and Municipal - including municipal, zoning and land use litigation, governmental immunity issues, Open Meetings Act and FOIA claims
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Antitrust
- Appellate Practice
- Asbestos/Toxic Tort Defense
- Business Disputes
- Collections
- Construction Law
- Criminal Defense
- Employment Litigation - including civil rights, disability (ADA), Whistleblower Protection Act etc.
- Energy
- Environmental
- First Amendment-Media Law
- Family Law and Domestic Relations - including divorce, child custody, adoption and related matters
- Food Hospitality Services
- Government Relations
- Health Care
- Medical and professional malpractice
- No-Fault
- Personal Injury
- Probate disputes
- Real Estate
- Transportation law

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PUBLICATIONS & ALERTS

No-Fault Insurer Cannot Refuse to Pay for Attendant Care Based on Not Having Provider's Taxpayer Identification Number, *Foster Swift No-Fault E-News*, November 15, 2011

NEWS

Julie I. Fershtman Sworn in as State Bar of Michigan President, September 15, 2011

21 Foster Swift Attorneys named to 2011 Michigan Super Lawyers; 4 named Michigan Rising Stars, September 12, 2011

Foster Swift's 2011 Best Lawyers, August 17, 2010

Patricia J. Scott Announced as Foster Swift's Newest Associate, April 14, 2010

Smith and Mandel Announced as Super Lawyers, February 26, 2010

Foster Swift Elects Dana Bennett as Shareholder, January 27, 2010
