



DENNIS M. BARNES

Bio

For the past 33 years, practicing at *Barris, Sott, Denn & Driker, PLLC*, and before that, at *Butzel Long, PC*, two of Michigan's premier law firms, Denny's practice covered a wide range of complex commercial and business litigation and business counseling, including not only litigation of such disputes, but also helping others resolve such disputes as a mediator, arbitrator, and/or court appointed special master.

Practice Areas

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
 - Mediation
 - Facilitation
 - Certified EDR Neutral
 - Arbitration
 - Special Master
- Business Litigation
- Business Counseling
- Insurance Coverage

Education

- Law School: University of Notre Dame, J.D.
- Undergraduate: Hillsdale College, Bachelor of Arts, Magna Cum Laude

Honors & Awards

- Recipient, FBA's Cook – Friedman Award for professional excellence and civility
- Listed in Best Lawyers in America, Commercial Litigation
- Listed in Michigan Super Lawyers, Business Litigation
- ALM, Top Rated Lawyer, Commercial Litigation
- Business Magazine, Metro Detroit's Top Lawyers
- Martindale Hubbell Peer Review Rating: AV Preeminent 5
- Federal Court Advanced Technology Courtroom Certification
- Buttons Invitational 2013 Green Coat Award

Professional & Civic Leadership

- President, State Bar of Michigan (2019-2020)
- State Bar of Michigan Board of Commissioners (2010-2020)
- State Bar of Michigan Board of Commissioners Executive Committee (2012-20)
- Past-President, Federal Bar Association Eastern District of Michigan Chapter
- Fellow, Michigan State Bar Foundation
- Member, Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society
- Member, Federal Court Standing Committee on Civility
- Member, Federal Court 2009 Magistrate Reappointment Selection Panel
- Member, Shamrock Bar Association
- Member, Incorporated Society of Irish American Lawyers
- Member, Detroit Catholic Central High School Board of Directors
- Member, Notre Dame Club of Detroit
- Member, St. William Parish in Walled Lake
- Finance Council, Chair
- Stewardship Commission
- Parish Council
- Education Commission
- Coach of St. William School Boy's Basketball, Football, and Girl's Basketball Teams
- Member, Buttons Invitational Charity Golf Outing, Board of Directors
- Past Grand Commander, International Order of the Alhambra, Manresa Caravan
- Pro Bono Legal Counsel for Alhambra Michigan Council of Caravans and St. Francis Camp on the Lake
- Volunteer, MELL Program - substance abuse education program in Detroit Public Schools

Bar Admissions

- State Bar of Michigan
- US Supreme Court
- US Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- US District Court, Eastern District of Michigan
- US District Court, Western District of Michigan