

## Secrest Wardle Welcomes Executive Partner Paul A. McDonald to Troy Location



Paul A. McDonald, Troy

Paul A. McDonald joins Secrest Wardle's Troy office as an Executive Partner. He is a member of the Firm's Motor Vehicle Litigation Practice Group. Mr. McDonald has extensive experience handling first and third-party no-fault matters, with an emphasis on SIU/fraud-related cases.

Mr. McDonald obtained his Bachelor of Science degree from Central Michigan University in 2002, majoring in Business Administration (*cum laude*). He earned his Juris Doctor from Michigan State University College of Law in 2010 (*magna cum laude*). During law school, Mr. McDonald served as a member of the *Journal of Business and Securities Law*. Before becoming an attorney, he worked as an adjuster for a large automobile insurance carrier.

Mr. McDonald is licensed to practice law in Michigan. He was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan in 2010 and is a member of the Insurance and Indemnity Law section. He is also admitted to practice law in the U.S. District Court of the Eastern District of Michigan and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Additionally, Mr. McDonald is an active member of the Michigan Defense Trial Counsel.

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## Secrest Wardle Welcomes Associate Melissa Schoder to Troy Location



**Melissa Schoder, Troy**

Melissa Schoder joins Secrest Wardle's Troy office as an Associate. She is a member of the Firm's Motor Vehicle Litigation Practice Group. Ms. Schoder passionately defends civil litigation cases with an emphasis on insurance defense matters including PIP, third party, general negligence and premises liability.

Ms. Schoder received her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (Pre-Law) and Criminal Justice from Michigan State University in 2010. While pursuing her undergraduate degree, she spent a semester studying comparative politics in Australia. Ms. Schoder earned her Juris Doctor from Wayne State University in 2014. During law school, she acted as the Vice Chair of the Board of Directors for the Free Legal Aid Clinic, a non-profit organization focused on assisting the indigent of Wayne County in Family Law and Elder Law matters.

Ms. Schoder is licensed to practice law in Michigan. She was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan in 2014. Ms. Schoder is also admitted to practice law in the U.S. District Courts of the Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan.

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