

Secrest Wardle Senior Partner Mark E. Morley Named to *Michigan Lawyers Weekly's* "Hall of Fame" Class of 2020



Mark E. Morley, Senior Partner, located in Secrest Wardle's Troy office, has been named to *Michigan Lawyers Weekly's* "Hall of Fame" Class of 2020. The "Hall of Fame" award recognizes Michigan legal leaders over the age of 60, or who have practiced law for 30 years or more, for their successful careers and valuable contributions to the community. A luncheon celebrating the "Hall of Fame" Class of 2020 will be held on October 9th, at the Detroit Marriott in Troy. The honorees will also be profiled in a special section appearing in the October 12th issue of *Michigan Lawyers Weekly*. Secrest Wardle congratulates all members of the "Hall of Fame" Class of 2020!

Mark E. Morley is a Senior Partner and a past Managing Partner of Secrest Wardle. He has been with the Firm for over 40 years. He spent over 15 of those years as a Managing Partner. Mark joined the Firm in 1978, became a Partner in 1984, and a Senior Partner in 1990. He possesses over four decades of successful courtroom experience. Mr. Morley is highly regarded as an excellent defense litigator and an aggressive defender of his clients' interests.

Over the course of his remarkable career, he has tried in excess of 60 jury trials to verdict and is well-familiar with developing and sustaining winning defense strategies. In addition to his vast trial experience, Mark Morley is a skilled negotiator, resolving many cases that were subject to final resolution via settlement or on appeal.

In addition to his current role as a Senior Partner at Secrest Wardle, Mark Morley serves as a Chair of the Insurance Coverage and Malpractice/Professional Liability Practice Groups. Mark Morley is recognized by his colleagues within Secrest Wardle and among professionals in the legal community in Michigan and beyond, for his strong character. Notably, Mark is well-respected for his high degree of personal and professional integrity. Mr. Morley is also well-known for his composed demeanor in all situations. As a long-time leader at Secrest Wardle, Mark Morley has been particularly effective in mentoring young associate attorneys, providing lasting guidance throughout their legal careers. Many of the young attorneys he has mentored now hold executive attorney positions within the Firm.

From 2016 to the present, Mr. Morley has been recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® and for 2020 has been listed in Troy, MI, in the Insurance Law, Legal Malpractice Law - Defendants, Litigation - Insurance, and Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants categories. He also received the *Best Lawyers 2018* Litigation - Insurance - Troy, MI "Lawyer of the Year" award. Mr. Morley has maintained an AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rating by Martindale-Hubbell for over 20 years. He was selected by his peers to *Super Lawyers Magazine's* list of Michigan Super Lawyers in 2006 and 2009 through the present. In 2019, he was listed in the area of Civil Litigation – Defense. Additionally, he has been listed in the *Super Lawyers Business Edition* in the area of Civil Litigation - Defense. Mr. Morley has been included in *dbusiness* magazine's list of "Top Lawyers in Metro Detroit" in 2010, 2016, 2017, 2019, and 2020. In 2020, he was listed in the Insurance Law category. He is an active member of the Claims and Litigation Management Alliance, the Defense Research Institute, and the International Association of Defense Counsel. In 2015, Mr. Morley was honored for his outstanding legal career and inducted into Worldwide Registry.

Mr. Morley received a Juris Doctor from the University of Notre Dame Law School in 1972 and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Alma College in 1969. He was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan in 1972 and subsequently admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan in 1973, the U. S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana in 1974, and the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in 1985. Mark Morley served our country as a former member of the United States Army Military Police Corps.

Michigan Lawyers Weekly was founded in 1986 and reports on the latest legal news from across Michigan. The publication provides digests of the most current opinions from state and federal courts in Michigan as well as reporting changes to court rules, verdict and settlement reports, attorney and judicial discipline matters and all other news vital to attorneys in the state.

Secrest Wardle is a law firm specializing in defense litigation and counsel for insurance, municipal, and commercial clients headquartered in Troy, Michigan, with additional offices in Grand Rapids and Lansing.



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