

**Secrest Wardle Executive Partner Javon L. Williams Named to
Michigan Lawyers Weekly's "Up & Coming Lawyers" Class of 2019**



Javon L. Williams, an Executive Partner at Secrest Wardle's Troy location, has been named to *Michigan Lawyers Weekly's* "Up & Coming Lawyers" Class of 2019. The 30 members of the Class were chosen by a committee who based their selections on the lawyers establishing a name for themselves, going above and beyond, and displaying the ambition, drive, determination, and accomplishments that set them apart from their peers, within their first 10 years of practice. A luncheon celebrating the 2019 Class of "Up & Coming Lawyers" will be held on December 5, 2019, at the Detroit Marriott in Troy. The honorees will also be profiled in a special section of in the December 9th issue of *Michigan Lawyers Weekly*. Secrest Wardle congratulates all members of the "Up & Coming Lawyers" Class of 2019!

Mr. Williams has been with Secrest Wardle since 2009. He joined the Firm as a law clerk and became an Associate after passing the bar in 2010. Mr. Williams became a Partner in 2014 and was elevated to the position of Executive Partner in 2019. He is a member of Secrest Wardle's Motor Vehicle Litigation, General Negligence, and Premises Liability Practice Groups. Mr. Williams takes great pride in making himself available to mentor young attorneys within the Firm. He generously shares his legal acumen not only with colleagues, but also with clients and others in the legal industry. He frequently meets with clients within and outside of the state providing legal updates and insight regarding trends within the industry.

Since 2013, Mr. Williams has been named to the list of Michigan Rising Stars in *Super Lawyers* magazine, a designation recognizing no more than 2.5 percent of attorneys in each state. Mr. Williams is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, active in the Litigation and Young Lawyers sections. Mr. Williams was named to the *Super Lawyers* Michigan Rising Stars list in the area of Personal Injury General - Defense for 2019.

Javon Williams is a champion of diversity issues within Secrest Wardle and the legal community. Mr. Williams is the youngest attorney, and also the first African-American attorney, to be named an Executive Partner at Secrest Wardle. He is the first member of his family to attend law school, and the first within his immediate family to attend college. Mr. Williams earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law and received his Bachelor of Science degree from Tennessee State University in 2007 (*magna cum laude*).

Mr. Williams also balances his busy professional life with actively supporting causes he is passionate about. As a result of a close family member being diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS,) he proudly supports the National MS Society-Michigan Chapter. Mr. Williams and his wife recently attended the MS Orange Out The Park Tiger Game in support of the MS Society in raising funds and awareness surrounding the disease. He further supported the MS Society by spearheading a Secrest Wardle Casual Day to fundraise for the local chapter. Each Friday, Secrest Wardle sponsors a "Casual Day" to raise funds for a multitude of local and national charitable organizations. Employees may make a donation to wear casual attire on Fridays. In addition to his support of the National MS Society, he is equally compassionate about the fight against breast cancer. Mr. Williams and his wife recently participated in Mix 92.3's 20th Annual Sista Strut, a one mile walk through Downtown Detroit. All proceeds from the walk benefit the Karmanos Cancer Institute, Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program. Sista Strut raises awareness for breast cancer - specifically in African American women.

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.



Troy • 248-851-9500
Grand Rapids • 616-285-0143
Lansing • 517-886-1224
www.secrestwardle.com

