

Secrest Wardle Partner Daniel T. Rizzo Has Been Interviewed for a *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* Article, “A Sidebar with...Daniel T. Rizzo”



L/R: Hilbert Middle School Football Team Captain/Quarterback, Jawan Mitchell
and Daniel T. Rizzo of Secrest Wardle

Daniel T. Rizzo, a Partner at Secrest Wardle's Troy location, participated in an interview conducted by Web Editor Douglas Levy of *Michigan Lawyers Weekly*. The article, “A sidebar with...Daniel T. Rizzo,” was printed in the publication's October 31, 2016, issue.

The piece focused on Daniel Rizzo's interesting and exciting passion – skydiving! Mr. Rizzo is a certified skydiving instructor who has completed over 2,000 jumps in 11 years! He recently jumped 3,500 feet onto Kraft Field at Hilbert Middle School in Redford Township to deliver the game ball to the football team's captain and quarterback, Jawan Mitchell.

In the interview, Daniel Rizzo touched on how he got into skydiving: “It was one of those things that was in the back of my mind as one of those so-called bucket list things. Then, 11 years ago, I got a gift certificate to do a tandem skydive...” When asked who gave him that initial gift certificate, Rizzo replied, “It was my parents. They've regretted it ever since doing it.” Mr. Rizzo further discussed his certified instructor designation, videotaping jumps, and memorable skydiving moments.

Mr. Rizzo also explained how the Hilbert Middle School jump came to fruition: “My wife's a seventh- and eighth-grade math teacher there, and she talks about its football team all the time. I have a pro rating with the United States Parachute Association, which certifies me to make jumps into tight, confined areas as ‘demonstration’ skydives...I thought the students might get a thrill out of me delivering a game ball. So my wife reached out to the principal and he was all for it.”

Daniel Rizzo is a member of Secrest Wardle's Motor Vehicle Litigation and Premises Liability Practice Groups. He graduated from Western Michigan University receiving a Bachelor of Arts in 1997. He attended University of Detroit Mercy School of Law and received his Juris Doctorate in 2000. He was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan in 2001. Mr. Rizzo is a member of the Macomb County Bar Association.

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