



## **SECRET WARDLE SENIOR PARTNER AND CO-MANAGING PARTNER MARK E. MORLEY NAMED IN *THE BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA* FOR 2016 IN LITIGATION-INSURANCE AND PERSONAL INJURY LITIGATION-DEFENDANTS PRACTICE AREAS**

SECRET WARDLE is pleased to congratulate Mark E. Morley, Senior Partner and Co-Managing Partner of the Firm, on his recent selection by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* for 2016 in the practice areas of Litigation-Insurance and Personal Injury Litigation-Defendants. Mr. Morley has been recognized as a respected member of the legal community for more than four decades.

The first edition of *Best Lawyers in America* was published in 1983. It is now the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession. *Best Lawyers* develops lists of outstanding attorneys through exhaustive peer-review surveys. The Best Lawyers Board of Advisors, a group of distinguished professionals, which includes legal luminaries from nearly every world economy and general counsel from global companies doing business on every continent, contributes to *Best Lawyers'* knowledge of the legal marketplace to ensure its initiatives are responsive to the concerns of the legal profession and the needs of its clients. *Best Lawyers* is known for its credibility, reaching a larger audience than any other legal publication, with more than 17 million readers. For more information regarding *Best Lawyers in America*, please visit <http://bit.ly/1KZLRtC>.

Mark E. Morley has an outstanding reputation in the legal community as an exceptional defense litigator and as a fierce advocate in defending his clients' interests. He has tried more than sixty jury trials to verdict. Over the course of his notable career, he has developed and sustained a winning defense strategy in his practice areas of Motor Vehicle Litigation, Insurance Coverage, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Employment, Malpractice/Professional Liability, and Product Liability.

Mr. Morley has authored numerous seminar materials in the areas of insurance law, extra contractual claims, no fault, and tort reform as well as co-authoring *Professional Practice Alternatives*, R & R Newkirk (1978). He has authored many articles for Firm newsletters, and is a frequent speaker at Firm-sponsored seminars on topics such as No Fault, Personal Injury Claims, and Tort Reform in Michigan. He has also lectured for the Institute of Continuing Legal Education.

Mark 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.

Mr. Morley has received an AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rating by Martindale-Hubbell. Mr. Morley was voted by his peers to the list of Michigan *Super Lawyers* in 2006, and in 2009 through the present. He is also listed in the *Super Lawyers Business Edition* in the area of Civil Litigation Defense. Mr. Morley was named to the list of Top Lawyers by *dBusiness Magazine* in 2010. He is a member of the Claims and Litigation Management Alliance, the Defense Research Institute, and the International Association of Defense Council. Mr. Morley has been inducted into Worldwide Registry, recognized for his outstanding legal career.

To view additional information regarding Mr. Morley, please visit <http://bit.ly/VVoQDY>. To contact him directly, please call 248-539-2840 or email [mmorley@secrestwardle.com](mailto:mmorley@secrestwardle.com).

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**SECRET WARDLE ATTORNEY WILLIAM P. HAMPTON  
NAMED IN *THE BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA* FOR 2016  
IN SEVEN PRACTICE AREAS**

SECRET WARDLE is pleased to announce that William P. Hampton has been selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* for 2016 in seven practice areas: Commercial Litigation, Family Law, Litigation – Land Use & Zoning, Litigation – Municipal, Litigation – Real Estate, Municipal Law, and Real Estate Law. William Hampton has been recognized as a consistent and dedicated member of the legal community by his inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* for 20 years.

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William P. Hampton is the immediate past-president of Secrest Wardle, and as Senior Partner and immediate past-Managing Partner of the Firm's Municipal Law Practice Group, developed the practice group from its inception into the renowned municipal law practice group that it is today. He has a wealth of experience as a lawyer, and also as a former Oakland County Circuit Court Judge. William Hampton is also a former state legislator. Recognition by peers in multiple practice areas is unique. Mr. Hampton has acquired extensive expertise in the practice areas for which he has been recognized over the course of his distinguished career. He is known for his legal acumen and stringent standards in providing his clients with the best representation available. William Hampton has developed and executed time and again proven defense strategies for municipalities, counties, school districts, universities, and state agencies across the state of Michigan. Mr. Hampton is recognized in the Michigan legal community for his favorable outcomes for clients in the areas of municipal litigation and zoning board of appeals matters.

William Hampton was the recipient of the Professionalism Award bestowed by the Oakland County Bar Association in 2007 and received the Michael Franck Award from the State Bar of Michigan in 2010. Throughout his career, spanning over 50 years, Mr. Hampton has been recognized on numerous occasions for his achievements, particularly as a leading authority in the area of municipal law. He was named "Municipal Law Lawyer of the Year" for 2012 in the State of Michigan by *Best Lawyers in America* and in 2013 was named by *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* as a "Leader in the Law." William P. Hampton is a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers, is listed in *Who's Who in American Law*, and has been named to Metro Detroit *Dbusiness* magazine's list of "Top Lawyers." Mr. Hampton has also been included in the list of Michigan *Super Lawyers* by a vote of his peers from 2006 through the present. Mr. Hampton earned his Undergraduate degree from Michigan State University, and his law degree from Wayne State University Law School. He was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan in 1964 and has been with the Firm since 1977.

Mr. Hampton was awarded the Oakland County Bar Association's "Distinguished Career Achievement Award" in 2014. The award recognizes an attorney whose career exemplifies extraordinary achievement in the ideals of the profession throughout the active legal career of the recipient. Also in 2014, Mr. Hampton was recognized by the Bloomfield Hills Optimist Club. He was presented with the "Respect for Law Award," honoring his position as a well-respected municipal law attorney in the community.

Mr. Hampton serves as general counsel for the Cities of Bloomfield Hills and Auburn Hills, as well as for the Townships of Bloomfield and West Bloomfield.

To view additional information regarding Mr. Hampton, please visit <http://bit.ly/1sKmK3D>. To contact him directly, please call 248-539-2826 or email [whampton@secrestwardle.com](mailto:whampton@secrestwardle.com).

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