

# **J. Michael Bernard Elected Chairman of the World Services Group**

J. Michael Bernard, Detroit-based member in Dykema's Corporate Finance Practice Group, was elected chairman of the World Services Group (WSG) for 2019 – 2020. Bernard officially took over the chairman position at the WSG 18th Annual Meeting, which took place in Washington, D.C., from September 4-6.

In a release, the firm said WSG is a recognized resource for professionals and their clients to receive legal, investment banking and accounting services, with coverage in more than 130 jurisdictions.

In his law practice, Bernard focuses primarily on business counseling and planning, with an emphasis on mergers and acquisitions (representing both buyers and sellers); capital raising transactions (including private placement, private equity and seed and venture financings); corporate formation matters (including shareholder control and buy-sell arrangements); corporate governance (for-profit and nonprofit entities); and executive employment agreements and related matters. He has experience in a variety of industries, including automotive, manufacturing, service and technology.

Bernard has held various other leadership positions throughout his career. He is a former member of Dykema's Executive Board, as well as a former leader of the firm's Corporate Finance Practice Group. He is also a member of the Detroit Regional Chamber's Executive Committee and its Board of Directors. Bernard is also a member of the Detroit Athletic Club's Board of Directors and Chair of its Community Outreach Committee.

