

Dykema's Lansing Office Adds Scott A. Hughes

Scott A. Hughes has joined Dykema in its Government Policy & Practice Group as a senior counsel in the firm's Lansing office. He joins Dykema after serving as general counsel for the Michigan State Senate.

During his tenure as general counsel with the Michigan State Senate, where he also held the roles of deputy chief of staff and director of strategic affairs, Hughes served as the lead adviser to the Senate, the majority leader and the majority caucus in areas of law, policy and strategy and was also responsible for reviewing, drafting and negotiating contracts on behalf of the Senate. In addition, he developed and coordinated legislative policy with external stakeholder groups, managed deputy and associate counsel and leadership staff, and collaborated with and supervised outside legal counsel.

Prior to his time in the State Capitol, Hughes was in private practice at Mika Meyers PLC in Grand Rapids, where he focused on civil litigation, as well as environmental, energy and natural resources law.

Hughes received a J.D., *summa cum laude*, from the Western Michigan University Cooley Law School and a B.S., with High Honors, from Michigan State University.