

Litigator Harold D. Pope Joins Dykema's Detroit Office

Harold D. Pope has joined **Dykema** in its Litigation Department as a senior counsel in the firm's Detroit office. Prior to joining Dykema, Pope practiced at the Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss office in Detroit.

Pope focuses his practice on representing local and national companies in State and Federal Courts on matters regarding commercial; products liability; defense of sex, age and race discrimination claims for corporate employers; personal injury; franchise termination and disputes over exclusive market areas; disputes between automotive suppliers and manufacturers; construction claims; general contract; small corporation disputes; professional malpractice; and directors' and officers' liability. His experience includes the dismissal and resolution of several multimillion dollar commercial disputes.

Pope is active in professional organizations, previously holding many leadership positions. He is a Past President for the National Bar Association, Past Chair for the National Bar Institute, and Past Chair for the American Bar Association (ABA) Council on Racial and Ethnic Justice. Pope is also a past member of the ABA Board of Governors, the State Bar of Michigan Judicial Qualifications Committee and previously served on the Board of Trustees for the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association Foundation. He is a current member of the Wolverine Bar Association, the D. Augustus Straker Bar Association, the ABA House of Delegates Nominating Committee, and the ABA Audit Committee.

Pope has received numerous honors and awards, including the National Bar Association's C. Francis Stradford Award, the State Bar of Michigan's Champion of Justice Award, the D.

Augustus Straker Bar Association Trailblazer Award, the Wolverine Bar Association's Damon J. Keith Community Service Award, and the National Bar Association Commercial Law Section's Cora T. Walker Legacy Award.

"Harold's deep experience in product liability and commercial litigation matters enhances the strength of our Detroit office," said Peter Kellest, Dykema Chairman and CEO. "His extensive involvement in professional organizations and the business community serve as a great model for other attorneys to follow. We are excited that he has joined the firm."

Pope received his J.D. from Duke University Law School, and a B.A., summa cum laude, in Political Science from Concordia College.