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POTENTIAL HITS

NEGATIVE

Facing multiple ethics complaints

As the subject of scathing ethics complaints from Democrats and Republicans alike, Hudson clearly thinks he's above the rules. Hudson's first complaint involved potential illegal coordination between his campaign and West Michigan for Change, a super PAC required by law to operate independently from Hudson's campaign. An initial submission showed a donation of \$1 million by Paul Hudson to the super PAC. When press reached out to Hudson about the donation, West Michigan for Change amended its filing to indicate the money was from his brother, billionaire Ryan Hudson, within just thirty minutes— suspiciously quickly for entities that were not permitted to coordinate. As a result, the Michigan Democratic Party filed a complaint over the apparent coordination.¹ Just weeks later Hudson's campaign's actions were so egregious that even a member of his own party filed an ethics complaint against him. The complaint alleged that Hudson received an illegal "in-kind" contribution from the same super PAC to bolster his campaign operation.² Both ethics complaints called for a federal probe into the shady super PAC's connections to Hudson's campaign. Democrats and Republicans don't agree on much, but they do agree Paul Hudson needs to be investigated.

Defended corporations over families

Paul Hudson has spent his entire legal career defending big corporations and their interests against the priorities of everyday people. Hudson defended a major housing company against discrimination allegations from a deaf former employee.³ He represented a car company against their former employee who suffered an injury in the workplace.⁴ Hudson represented State Farm in multiple cases where they denied policy holders insurance coverage, including the family of a deceased teenager killed in an auto accident.⁵ Hudson defended a predatory law school whose graduates alleged the school defrauded them into attending with false employment statistics,⁶ as well as corporate housing companies accused of having "cooked the books" in selling a housing complex to a smaller business.⁷ Paul Hudson has spent his entire career standing up for corporate interests—it's clear he'd do the same in Congress.

Represented Chinese Communist Party-owned company

Hudson won't stand up to China to protect American jobs, national security, or supply chains. In fact, Hudson has already personally profited from putting the Chinese Communist Party's interests ahead of America. As a corporate lawyer, Hudson's firm personally represented⁸ a CCP-owned auto company⁹ in a legal battle against a Michigan company—even after the Chinese firm tried to buy up and take control of Michigan auto companies.¹⁰ The Chinese company was a subsidiary of a defense contractor accused of espionage for stealing U.S. military

¹ ["Michigan Dems want probe into ties between Grand Rapids Republican, super PAC," Detroit News, Grant Schwab, 6/6/2024](#)

² [Tweet, @michaelmarkeyjr, 6/29/2024](#)

³ Jason Schwebke v. United Wholesale Mortgage LLC, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, PACER, 6/16/23

⁴ ["Miller Canfield Lawyer Paul Hudson Named One of Michigan Lawyers Weekly's "Up & Coming Lawyers", Miller Canfield, 11/1/2013](#)

⁵ ["State high court remands Stony Creek cash lawsuit to appeals court," Jameson Cook, Macomb Daily, 2/14/2022](#)

⁶ United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, MacDonald v. Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Case Numbers 12–2066 and 12–2130, Opinion, FindLaw, filed 7/30/13

⁷ [Dbd Kazoo Llc V Western Michigan Llc \(Authored Opinion\), Justia, 1/8/2024](#)

⁸ Global Tech., Inc. v. Yubei (XinXiang) Power, et al., United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, PACER, 4/10/2015

⁹ Global Tech., Inc. v. Yubei (XinXiang) Power, et al., United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, PACER, 12/7/15

¹⁰ Global Tech., Inc. v. Yubei (XinXiang) Power, et al., United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, PACER, 12/7/15

technology and incorporating it into China's latest generation of fighter planes.¹¹ Hudson chose to defend the Chinese Communist Party to line his pockets at the expense and safety of Michigan and the United States.

Trump and Fox China ALT

Fox News reported that "Michigan-based attorney Paul Hudson...served as one of the attorneys defending Yubei...a defense contractor owned by the Chinese Communist Party that has faced multiple espionage investigations, including accusations the firm stole secret F-35 information to incorporate into Chinese aircraft."¹²

The company's actions were so egregious that, as one of his last official acts, Donald Trump issued an executive order¹³ to bar Americans from investing in the company, saying the parent company Hudson defended and other similar companies "directly threaten the United States homeland and United States forces overseas."¹⁴ And such companies, Trump legally declared, "constitutes an unusual and extraordinary threat... to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States."¹⁵

When Joe Biden came into office the next year, he reversed at least 24 Trump executive orders, but not this one.¹⁶ Instead, he issued an executive order to "expand the scope of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13959" and kept Trump's ban on investing in the company Paul Hudson defended.^{17,18}

Weak on Crime

We can't trust Paul Hudson to be tough on crime when he personally fought to put murderers and child predators back on our streets. In fact, Hudson tried to overturn the conviction of a man who had been imprisoned for sexually assaulting an 11-year-old girl and multiple criminals who were convicted for first-degree murder.^{19,20,21} Hudson even came to the defense of a man who went to prison for possessing child pornography.²²

Hudson also refuses to support hardworking law enforcement tasked with keeping us safe. He praised a reckless bill²³ which, according to a public policy think tank, would have resulted in the loss of 28,500 sworn law enforcement officers and \$10 billion from federal law enforcement funding, including the loss of 11,000 FBI agents, 1,600 DEA officers, 2,400 CBP officers, 500 ATF officers, 12,400 TSA officers, 600 Capitol Police officers, and the loss of an average of \$30,000 for every local law enforcement agency around the country because of decreased Byrne grant funding.²⁴

Will attack the right to choose nationwide

¹¹ ["GOP candidate for swing House district once defended Chinese company in lawsuit" Michael Lee, Fox News, 6/6/2024](#)

¹² ["GOP candidate for swing House district once defended Chinese company in lawsuit" Michael Lee, Fox News, 6/6/2024](#)

¹³ [Executive Order No. 13959. \(2020\). Addressing the Threat From Securities Investments That Finance Communist Chinese Military Companies. Federal Register, 85\(222\), 73185-73187.](#)

¹⁴ ["Trump Bars Investment in Chinese Firms With Military Ties," New York Times, 8/2/2024](#)

¹⁵ [Executive Order No. 13959. \(2020\). Addressing the Threat From Securities Investments That Finance Communist Chinese Military Companies. Federal Register, 85\(222\), 73185-73187.](#)

¹⁶ ["Here are the executive actions Biden signed in his first 100 days" Christopher Hickey, Curt Merrill, Richard J. Chang, Kate Sullivan, Janie Boschma and Sean O'Key, CNN, 4/30/2021](#)

¹⁷ ["Executive Order on Addressing the Threat from Securities Investments that Finance Certain Companies of the People's Republic of China" The White House, 6/3/2021](#)

¹⁸ ["Biden curtails US investment in AVIC, other aerospace players" Greg Waldron, Flight Global, 6/4/2021](#)

¹⁹ Case # 2:15-cv-11620-DPH-MKM; MLive.com, 5/27/2011

²⁰ Case # 2:09-cv-14850-SJM-VMM

²¹ Case #4:14-cv-11562-MAG-MKM; MLive.com, 7/18/2018

²² 2:11-cr20638-SJM-RSW All Defendants United States of America v. Cox

²³ ["LIVE with Paul Hudson!" Bigger Truth Media, YouTube, 4/12/2024](#)

²⁴ ["The Republican Debt Limit Plan Will Devastate Public Safety." Third Way, 4/24/2023](#)

Michiganders have made it clear that women in our state deserve the right to choose—but make no mistake, Paul Hudson is a threat to all women’s access to abortion, both here in Michigan and across the country. Hudson was endorsed²⁵ by a radical anti-abortion group that wants²⁶ to overturn the will of Michigan voters and pass a “complete ban on abortion”²⁷ with no exceptions for rape or incest—even charging doctors who provide abortions with a felony.²⁸

Hudson has been endorsed by Jack Bergman,²⁹ the cosponsor³⁰ of a superseding national abortion ban³¹ that would “end abortion”³² and even threaten access to IVF.³⁴ Hudson has even pledged to stand as a “team player” in lockstep with Trump,³⁵ who believes governments should be allowed to create a list of pregnant women and could track their pregnancies so they can prosecute them if they miscarry or get an abortion.³⁶

With abortion rights under threat across the country by radical politicians, we can’t risk electing Paul Hudson.

Research Note: Hudson was endorsed by Right to Life Michigan in 2022.

Backed by the ultra-wealthy to defend their tax cuts

Paul Hudson claims he wants to represent Michiganders, but he’s only looking out for the out-of-state billionaire bankrolling his campaign. Ryan Hudson, the co-founder of \$4 billion company Honey, poured \$1 million into a super PAC aiding his brother Paul’s campaign³⁷—more than double what Hudson could manage to fundraise from others.³⁹

Meanwhile, Hudson has proudly pledged to protect special tax loopholes for billionaires and big corporations that are jacking up prices on Michigan families.⁴⁰ He’s also praised⁴⁴ a bill defunding the IRS by rescinding some \$80 billion in additional funding, a move that not only would add to the federal deficit, according to the CBO, but that also would allow more tax cheats to get away without paying their fair share in taxes at working families’ expense. The legislation also included over \$1 trillion in cuts for state and local governments, leaving them with significantly less funding for housing, food, childcare, and more. This reckless bill protected the wealthy while raising costs for Michigan families by eliminating preschool and childcare slots, stripping nutrition assistance funding for women and children, and raising housing costs by reducing access to rental assistance programs.⁴⁵

If elected, Hudson will continue to do the uber-wealthy’s bidding in Congress.

²⁵ [“Abortion ballot initiative drama sparks new focus on Michigan Supreme Court races this fall” Jon King, Michigan Advance, 9/17/2022](#)

²⁶ [“Right to Life Michigan challenges abortion rights amendment in lawsuit” Amber Alinsworth, Fox 2 Detroit, 11/9/2023](#)

²⁷ [“Michigan Abortion Law Before Roe v. Wade” Right to Life of Michigan, 8/22/2019](#)

²⁸ [“Whitmer strikes 1931 abortion ban from Michigan law” Associated Press, Joev Cappelletti, 4/5/2023](#)

²⁹ [Tweet, @PaulHudsonMI, 4/8/2024](#)

³⁰ [“Republicans under scrutiny for supporting conception bill in wake of Alabama IVF ruling” Melanie Zanona and Lauren Fox, CNN, 2/26/2024](#)

³¹ [“Cosponsors” H.R.431 - Life at Conception Act, 118th Congress \(2023-2024\)](#)

³² [“Republicans who say they support IVF backed a bill protecting life ‘at conception’” Mariana Alfaro, Washington Post, 2/25/2024](#)

³³ [“Ending Abortion-on-Demand with a Life at Conception Act, H.R. 431 – 118th Congress\)” National Pro-life Alliance, accessed 6/18/2024](#)

³⁴ [“Republicans under scrutiny for supporting conception bill in wake of Alabama IVF ruling” Melanie Zanona and Lauren Fox, CNN, 2/26/2024](#)

³⁵ Kent County Coffee Hour, DCCC Track Report, 4/5/2024

³⁶ [“How Far Trump Would Go” Eric Cortellessa, Time, 4/30/2024](#)

³⁷ [“Michigan congressional candidate’s brother bankrolling super PAC aiding his campaign,” Grant Schwab, The Detroit News, 4/17/2024](#)

³⁸ [“How Honey Co-Founder Ryan Hudson Built a \\$4 Billion Company From a Browser Extension” Samantha Brooks, CSQ, 3/11/2020](#)

³⁹ [FEC.gov, accessed 8/2/2024](#)

⁴⁰ [Tweet, @PaulHudsonMI, 2/19/2024](#)

⁴¹ [“Ryan Mackenzie First to Make “No New Taxes” Promise in PA-07 Congressional Race,” Adam Radman, Americans for Tax Reform, 10/12/2023](#)

⁴² [“Updated Estimates from ITEP: Trump Tax Law Still Benefits the Rich No Matter How You Look at It,” Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, 8/28/2019](#)

⁴³ [“Is Norquist’s tax pledge the cudgel it used to be?,” Punchbowl News, 6/20/2024](#)

⁴⁴ [“LIVE with Paul Hudson!” Bigger Truth Media, YouTube, 4/12/2024](#)

⁴⁵ <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/05/02/state-fact-sheets-maga-house-republicans-default-on-america-act-would-have-devastating-impacts-across-america/>

Will cut benefits for seniors, veterans, and middle-class Americans

Hudson has spent his legal career fighting for corporations' profits at the expense of everyday, hardworking Americans. It's no surprise then that he supports plans to gut seniors, veterans, and middle-class Americans' hard-earned benefits in the name of "fiscal responsibility." Hudson praised the balanced budget amendment,⁴⁶ an idea so destructive that even conservative economists have called it "irresponsible" and believed would "unquestionably throw the economy into recession."⁴⁷ A balanced budget amendment would necessitate deep cuts to social Security, Medicare, and countless other welfare programs our country's most vulnerable citizens depend on.⁴⁸

Hudson even praised⁴⁹ legislation the VA warned would "threaten medical care for veterans," "worsen wait times for benefits," "undermine access to telehealth," and "prevent construction on the health care facilities that veterans need," among other consequences. The bill would at a minimum immediately rescind some \$2 billion in funding to support veterans, putting veterans' healthcare in jeopardy.⁵⁰ A group of two dozen veterans' groups even wrote a letter to Congress urging them to oppose the Republican-backed bill, writing that it would "significantly affect the delivery of care and benefits to veterans," resulting in "30 million fewer veteran outpatient visits and 81,000 jobs lost across the Veterans Health Administration."⁵¹⁵²

Threatens Social Security and Medicare

Seniors have spent decades paying for benefits they are entitled to, but Paul Hudson supports budget policies that would force deep cuts to important programs families and seniors rely on, like Social Security and Medicare.⁵³⁵⁴ Hudson also praised the Limit, Save, Grow Act,⁵⁵ a disastrous bill that would impose "more stringent work requirements for recipients of food stamps and Medicaid benefits,"⁵⁶ a change that would have threatened food assistance for as many as 900,000 older Americans.⁵⁷ According to the White House, the law also would have increased wait times for Social Security and Medicare assistance by forcing as many as 240 Social Security field offices to either close or shorten their hours, causing months-long wait times for individuals seeking disability benefits.⁵⁸

Will strip public school funding to do billionaire DeVos family's bidding

Hudson has plans to defund public schools and the extremist Republican backing of the billionaire DeVos family to help him. Hudson has called for more "individualized educational opportunities" to hold "public schools accountable."⁵⁹ In just one month, he received \$19,800 from the family.⁶⁰ The DeVos family has continuously called for nationwide school choice and funded multiple super PACS with the goal of diverting public dollars to private schools.⁶¹

⁴⁶ [Tweet, @PaulHudsonMI, 3/1/2024](#)

⁴⁷ ["Balanced budget amendment: 'Irresponsible,'" Jeanne Sahadi, CNN Money, 3/29/2011](#)

⁴⁸ ["Balanced Budget Amendment a 'Phony' Deficit Solution," Bruce Bartlett, The Fiscal Times, 8/27/2010](#)

⁴⁹ ["LIVE with Paul Hudson!" Bigger Truth Media, YouTube, 4/12/2024](#)

⁵⁰ ["House Republican Default & Cuts Bill Would Hurt Veterans." Democrats-Appropriations.House.gov](#)

⁵¹ ["READ: VSO LETTER ON HOUSE BUDGET PLAN 4-25-23." IAVA.org, 4/25/2023](#)

⁵² ["STATE FACT SHEETS: MAGA House Republicans' Default on America Act Would Have Devastating Impacts Across America." The White House, 5/2/2023](#)

⁵³ [Tweet, @PaulHudsonMI, 3/1/2024](#)

⁵⁴ ["A Constitutional Balanced Budget Amendment Threatens Great Economic Damage" Robert Greenstein and Richard Kogan, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 7/27/2011](#)

⁵⁵ ["LIVE with Paul Hudson!" Bigger Truth Media, YouTube, 4/12/2024](#)

⁵⁶ ["What's in the House G.O.P. Debt Limit Bill." The New York Times, 4/20/2023](#)

⁵⁷ ["STATE FACT SHEETS: MAGA House Republicans' Default on America Act Would Have Devastating Impacts Across America." The White House, 5/2/2023](#)

⁵⁸ ["STATE FACT SHEETS: MAGA House Republicans' Default on America Act Would Have Devastating Impacts Across America." The White House, 5/2/2023](#)

⁵⁹ ["Education", Paul Hudson, Paul Hudson For Congress](#)

⁶⁰ ["Individual Receipts, "Devos", FEC, Accessed 8/2/2024](#)

⁶¹ ["A Betsy DeVos-backed group helps fuel a rapid expansion of public money for private school," Tyler Kingkade, NBC News, 3/30/2023](#)

Hudson also praised⁶² the Limit, Save, Grow Act, which contained drastic cuts to education spending. This included slashing funding for the Every Student Succeeds Act, which would threaten the jobs of up to 60,000 educators, as well as funding for recruiting and retaining teachers.⁶³ According to the White House, the bill would have cut approximately \$4 billion in funding for schools serving low-income children, impacting approximately 26 million K-12 students.⁶⁴ It also would have cut student mental health services by around \$300 million⁶⁵ and reduced funding for students with disabilities, affecting as many as 7.5 million children.⁶⁶

By working to weaken public schools by stripping away key funding, Hudson will once again put the needs of his billionaire donors before families he is supposedly running to represent.

Affordable health care opponent

Paul Hudson is an adversary to Michigan families grappling with soaring health care costs. Hudson denounced a bill lowering prescription drug costs for millions of Americans.⁶⁷ Its provisions have helped over 66,000 Michiganders save an average of \$403 a year on insulin costs alone, yet he opposed it.⁶⁸ Meanwhile, Hudson praised⁶⁹ legislation that would have jeopardized health coverage for 21 million Americans by implementing “draconian Medicaid work reporting requirements.”⁷⁰ According to the White House, the law also would have denied access to opioid use disorder treatment for more than 28,000 Americans.⁷¹ Hudson is more concerned with slashing budgets than he is with guaranteeing that families can afford the lifesaving health care they need.

Profited from corporate housing price gouging

West Michigan families are facing rising housing costs as corporate landlords and investors are gouging consumers and driving up prices. But Paul Hudson made hundreds of thousands of dollars at a law firm where he represented corporate housing firms who were accused of having “cooked the books” to exploit their customers.⁷² Hudson defended the City of Detroit against allegations of a utilities price gouging scheme that cost working families just for living in poorer neighborhoods.⁷³ Hudson also defended a mortgage provider after they were sued for making additional charges outside of the finalized mortgage agreements.⁷⁴ He even supported⁷⁵ legislation that would have raised housing costs for more than 600,000 American families by forcing them to lose access to rental assistance programs.⁷⁶ Hudson is out of touch with working families in Western Michigan. In Congress, he’ll remain on the side of corporate landlords and real estate developers, just as he always has.

Gun rights extremist

⁶² [“LIVE with Paul Hudson!” Bigger Truth Media, YouTube, 4/12/2024](#)

⁶³ [“VOTE NO on the Limit, Save, Grow, Act of 2023.” NEA.org, 4/25/2023](#)

⁶⁴ [“STATE FACT SHEETS: MAGA House Republicans’ Default on America Act Would Have Devastating Impacts Across America.”](#) The White House, 5/2/2023

⁶⁵ [“STATE FACT SHEETS: MAGA House Republicans’ Default on America Act Would Have Devastating Impacts Across America.”](#) The White House, 5/2/2023

⁶⁶ [“STATE FACT SHEETS: MAGA House Republicans’ Default on America Act Would Have Devastating Impacts Across America.”](#) The White House, 5/2/2023

⁶⁷ [Issues, Tackle Inflation, paulhudsonforcongress.com, Accessed 7/31/2024](#)

⁶⁸ [“New HHS Report Finds Major Savings for Americans Who Use Insulin Thanks to President Biden’s Inflation Reduction Act” Press Release, Department of Health and Human Services, 1/24/2023](#)

⁶⁹ [“LIVE with Paul Hudson!” Bigger Truth Media, YouTube, 4/12/2024](#)

⁷⁰ [“STATE FACT SHEETS: MAGA House Republicans’ Default on America Act Would Have Devastating Impacts Across America.”](#) The White House, 5/2/2023

⁷¹ [“STATE FACT SHEETS: MAGA House Republicans’ Default on America Act Would Have Devastating Impacts Across America.”](#) The White House, 5/2/2023

⁷² [Dbd Kazoo Llc V Western Michigan Llc \(Authored Opinion\), Justia, 1/8/2024](#)

⁷³ “Michigan Warehousing Group LLC, et al. v. City of Detroit, et al.,” Case No. 15-010165-CZ, 12/6/2017

⁷⁴ “Hanover Grove Consumer Housing Cooperative v. Berkadia Commercial Mortgage, LLC,” Case No:13-3553, Justia Law, 4/15/2014

⁷⁵ [“LIVE with Paul Hudson!” Bigger Truth Media, YouTube, 4/12/2024](#)

⁷⁶ [“STATE FACT SHEETS: MAGA House Republicans’ Default on America Act Would Have Devastating Impacts Across America.”](#) The White House, 5/2/2023

Paul Hudson is a gun extremist who opposes even commonsense gun control. Hudson said he would reverse red flag laws because they “do more harm to the law abiding”.⁷⁷⁷⁸ These red flag laws have been proven to protect innocent people while taking guns out of the hands of violent or mentally unstable individuals.⁷⁹ Hudson has also received thousands of dollars from the DeVos family, who have sought to put more guns in schools and ignore the growing epidemic of school shootings.⁸⁰

Research Note: The red flag law reversal quote is pulled from the DCCC’s tracking report. It is not necessarily verbatim.

Tied to far-right extremists

Paul Hudson likes to complain about the lack of bipartisanship and the need to push for “common-sense solutions,”⁸¹ all while working hard to obscure his record of associating with extremist MAGA Republicans. Hudson has aligned himself with extremists like Marjorie Taylor Greene and a group of right-wing election deniers and white supremacists who want to ban books on Martin Luther King Jr.⁸²⁸³⁸⁴ Hudson has appeared with Speaker Mike Johnson,⁸⁵ who was the “architect” of the electoral college objections on January 6th,⁸⁶ championed a national abortion ban with no exceptions,⁸⁷ and authored a plan to slash Social Security and Medicare.⁸⁸ Hudson proudly accepted the endorsement of Congressman Jack Bergman,⁸⁹ who denied the results of the 2020 election and has cosponsored a bill to ban abortion nationwide.⁹⁰⁹¹ He also spoke with far-right organization Turning Point USA⁹² and at a “Red Pilled Michigan” event.⁹³ Paul Hudson will be a rubber stamp for an extremist MAGA agenda.

ADDITIONAL FLAGS

Bought property in district one month before announcing MI-03 campaign

In July 2012, Hudson purchased 5645 Blue Spruce Lane in Kalamazoo. The home is currently located in Michigan’s 4th Congressional District and is represented by longtime Republican Congressman Bill Huizenga.⁹⁴ Hudson did not appear to own any other properties aside from the Kalamazoo home for over a decade and made political contributions from this address as recently as September 2022.⁹⁵ Hudson’s LinkedIn even currently states that he resides in Kalamazoo.⁹⁶

⁷⁷ Delegates for Trump Event, DCCC Tracking Report, 4/11/2024

⁷⁸ Delegates for Trump Event, DCCC Tracking Report, 4/11/2024

⁷⁹ “Extreme Risk Laws Save Lives,” [Everytown For Gun Safety, 4/17/2020](#)

⁸⁰ “Betsy DeVos Eyes Federal Education Grants to Put Guns in Schools,” [Erica L. Green, 8/23/2018](#)

⁸¹ “GOP attorney launches bid to flip Grand Rapids congressional district from blue to red,” [Brian McVicar, MLive, 9/7/2023](#)

⁸² [Tweet, @PaulHudsonMI, 3/24/2024](#)

⁸³ [Tweet, @supportfhps, 12/26/2023](#)

⁸⁴ “Moms for Liberty Is Waging War on LGBTQ and Race-Inclusive Books,” [GLAAD, 11/3/2023](#)

⁸⁵ [Tweet, @PaulHudsonMI, 5/18/2024](#)

⁸⁶ “They Legitimized the Myth of a Stolen Election — and Reaped the Rewards,” [NYT, 10/3/2022](#)

⁸⁷ [Life at Conception Act, H.R. 431, Cosponsors, Introduced 1/20/2023](#)

⁸⁸ [Republican Study Committee Fiscal Year 2020 Budget, Accessed 8/2/2024](#)

⁸⁹ [Tweet, @PaulHudsonMI, 5/6/2024](#)

⁹⁰ [Life at Conception Act, H.R. 431, Cosponsors, Introduced 1/20/2023](#)

⁹¹ [Bergman, Walberg to Object to Certain Presidential Electors on January 6th, Press Release: Office of Rep. Jack Bergman, 1/6/2021](#)

⁹² [Tweet, @PaulHudsonMI, 4/2/2024](#)

⁹³ [Tweet, @PaulHudsonMI, 3/24/2024](#)

⁹⁴ “Your Members” [Congress.gov, accessed 8/16/2024](#)

⁹⁵ [Michigan Campaign Finance Contribution Search, Michigan Department of State, accessed 8/16/2024](#)

⁹⁶ [Paul Hudson, LinkedIn, accessed 8/16/2024](#)

On August 4, 2023, Hudson purchased 800 Plymouth Avenue SE in East Grand Rapids, property located in the 3rd District. He declared homestead at the address that day.⁹⁷ On September 7, 2023, Hudson officially announced his congressional campaign for MI-03.⁹⁸ He then sold the Kalamazoo property in April 2024.

⁹⁷ [East Grand Rapids Property Search, accessed 8/16/2024](#)

⁹⁸ [@PaulHudsonMI, Twitter, 9/7/2023](#)

PERSONAL

BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY

Name: Paul Daniel Hudson
DOB: 01/05/1982
Birthplace: Metro Detroit

Summary

Paul Hudson was born on January 5, 1982, in the metro area of Detroit. Hudson graduated from Detroit Country Day School in 1999 before he attended Cornell University and graduated with a B.A. in Government and Philosophy in 2003.⁹⁹ During his undergraduate career, Hudson served for a semester as an investigator for public defenders at Georgetown’s Criminal Justice Clinic, kickstarting his desire to work in law.¹⁰⁰ He then attended George Washington University Law School until 2004, when he transferred to Georgetown University Law Center. In 2006, Hudson graduated Cum Laude from Georgetown University Law Center.

After graduation, Hudson began his legal career as an associate at Pepper Hamilton LLP from 2006 to 2008, leaving to serve as a law clerk for the U.S. Court of Appeals under Judge Raymond M. Kethledge. Hudson stayed in the role until 2009 when he joined Miller Canfield.¹⁰¹ In 2013, Hudson became the principal and co-chair of the firm’s Appeals Group. Hudson remains employed at Miller Canfield.

In 2022, Hudson unsuccessfully ran for the Michigan State Supreme Court,¹⁰² losing to incumbent Richard Bernstein and recent appointee Kyra Harris Bolden. In September 2023, Hudson announced his campaign to represent Michigan’s 3rd Congressional District.

⁹⁹ [Paul Hudson, LinkedIn, accessed 7/24/2024](#)

¹⁰⁰ [“Home Run: Former baseball player enjoys the intensity of appellate work” Sheila Pursglove, LegalNews.com, 10/28/2013](#)

¹⁰¹ [“People making news” Detroit Free Press, 4/16/2010](#)

¹⁰² [“Meet the MI Supreme Court Candidates: Paul Hudson”, Doug Tribou and Lauren Talley, Michigan Public, 10/28/2022](#)

TIMELINE

Year	Event
1982	January 5: Born
1999	Graduated from Detroit Country Day School
2003	Graduated from Cornell University with a BA in Government and Philosophy
	Attended George Washington University Law School
2004	Transferred to Georgetown University
	Student Attorney at Criminal Justice Clinic
2006	Graduated Cum Laude from Georgetown University Law Center
	September: Hired as associate at Pepper Hamilton LLP
2008	July: Hired as law clerk at U.S Court of Appeals
2009	October: Hired as an attorney at Miller Canfield
2010	Principal and co-chair of Appeals Group at Miller Canfield
2012	Moved to Kalamazoo with wife
2022	Ran for Michigan State Supreme Court
	November: Lost to incumbent and recent appointee
2023	September: Announced campaign for MI-03 congressional seat
2024	August: Won primary election for MI-03

EDUCATION

DETROIT COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL (1993-1999)

According to Hudson's LinkedIn, he attended Detroit Country Day School from 1993 to 1999.¹⁰³

CORNELL UNIVERSITY (1999-2003)

According to Hudson's LinkedIn, he graduated from Cornell University with a B.A. in Government and Philosophy (2003).¹⁰⁴

BASEBALL

Summary

According to Hudson's campaign website, he played catcher for Cornell's varsity baseball team.¹⁰⁵ He was not rostered his freshman year (1999-2000) but played on the team his sophomore through senior years.¹⁰⁶

Joked that he owed his law career to poor baseball career

In an October 2013 profile, Hudson joked that he owed his career in law to his baseball career in college. He added, "My stats weren't pretty. I hit my ceiling in baseball, and I needed a new plan."¹⁰⁷

Batted 0.224 during senior year

According to Cornell University, Hudson started 20 of 22 games during his senior year and batted 0.224.¹⁰⁸

Research Note: Archived statistics are only available from 2003 to present.

The Automated ScoreBook																										
Overall Statistics for Cornell University (June 1, 2003)																										
(All games Sorted by Batting avg)																										
Record: 16-20-1 Home: 7-7 Away: 9-13-1 Ivy League: 9-11																										
Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%			
Parant, Dan.....	.283	29-28	106	15	30	2	0	0	16	32	.302	7	4	20	1	.347	1	2	10-12	24	60	6	.933			
VanAllan, Ned.....	.275	36-35	138	12	38	10	1	2	17	56	.406	7	2	23	0	.320	0	0	3-4	0	0	0	.000			
Gordon, Seth.....	.274	31-27	95	15	26	7	0	0	16	33	.347	5	3	18	3	.324	2	2	5-7	46	76	8	.938			
Miller, Matt.....	.268	37-37	138	20	37	8	2	1	16	52	.377	14	1	32	1	.333	3	0	7-9	53	99	12	.927			
Bredhoff, David.....	.250	37-36	128	21	32	8	1	2	14	48	.375	14	3	35	4	.336	1	0	5-7	49	0	3	.942			
Schutt, Chris.....	.239	28-28	92	11	22	5	1	1	14	32	.348	14	2	25	0	.339	4	0	3-6	60	13	5	.936			
Jackson, Jim.....	.226	36-34	93	13	21	0	1	0	11	23	.247	16	0	15	2	.330	3	3	0-0	203	25	4	.983			
Finch, Jon.....	.272	28-24	81	10	22	4	3	1	8	35	.432	6	1	20	3	.330	0	0	3-5	34	3	0	1.000			
Goodson, Matt.....	.258	24-17	62	10	16	0	0	1	10	19	.306	7	3	12	0	.351	2	2	0-1	148	22	3	.983			
Martino, Mike.....	.258	17-6	31	7	8	1	0	0	10	9	.290	4	3	11	0	.395	0	0	1-1	7	0	1	.875			
Hudson, Paul.....	.224	22-20	67	7	15	3	0	0	5	18	.269	6	1	13	2	.293	1	0	1-1	118	19	5	.965			
Weise, Michael.....	.216	23-12	51	7	11	0	0	0	5	11	.216	2	0	10	1	.245	0	0	0-0	104	9	3	.974			
Baysinger, Dan.....	.200	13-11	40	6	8	1	0	0	0	9	.225	7	0	9	0	.319	0	0	1-1	30	37	4	.944			
Morris, Glenn.....	.196	21-18	56	5	11	3	0	0	3	14	.250	5	6	23	1	.328	0	0	0-0	17	1	3	.857			
Collis, Rocky.....	.000	2-0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	1	.000	0	0	0-0	9	11	1	.952			
Wasson, Garrett.....	.000	4-0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	2	0	.250	0	0	0-0	3	1	0	1.000			
Marando, Chris.....	.000	1-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000			
Gala, Dan.....	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	5	14	1	.950			
Totals.....	.250	37-37	1187	161	297	52	9	8	145	391	.329	114	30	271	19	.327	17	9	39-54	914	401	67	.952			
Opponents.....	.272	37-37	1189	213	324	56	16	18	178	466	.392	124	30	277	13	.353	12	14	44-66	936	412	68	.952			

LOB - Team (260), Opp (242). DPs turned - Team (27), Opp (34). IBB - Team (3), Jackson 2, Baysinger 1. Picked off - Bredhoff 3, Hudson, P. 3, Gordon 2, Schutt 1, Parant 1, Miller 1.

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL (2003-2004)

¹⁰³ [Paul Hudson, LinkedIn, accessed 7/24/2024](#)

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¹⁰⁵ ["About Paul" Paul Hudson for Congress, accessed 7/24/2024](#)

¹⁰⁶ ["Spreading the Wealth" Katherine Granish, The Cornell Sun, 3/9/2001](#)

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¹⁰⁸ ["2003 Cornell Baseball Season Statistics" Cornell University Athletics, accessed 7/24/2024](#)

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GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER (2004-2006)

According to Hudson's LinkedIn, he graduated Cum Laude¹¹⁰ from Georgetown University Law Center in 2006.¹¹¹

GEORGETOWN LAW JOURNAL

Hudson served as an editor of the Georgetown Law Journal.¹¹²

Hudson was a staff member of Volume 93 of the Georgetown Law Journal.¹¹³ He was also a section editor of the 34th edition of its Annual Review of Criminal Procedure, specifically editing a section on the "Grand Jury."

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ANNUAL REVIEW OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

Hudson served as a primary editor of the Annual Review of Criminal Procedure.¹¹⁹

¹¹⁸ ["Home Run: Former baseball player enjoys the intensity of appellate work" Sheila Pursglove, LegalNews.com, 10/28/2013](#)

¹¹⁹ ["Miller Canfield Lawyer Paul Hudson Named One of Michigan Lawyers Weekly's 'Up & Coming Lawyers'" Press Release, Miller Canfield, 11/21/2013](#)

EARLY CAREER

GEORGETOWN CRIMINAL JUSTICE CLINIC (C. 2000-2003)

Worked as investigator for public defenders during semester in undergrad

In an October 2013 profile, Hudson stated that he worked as an investigator for public defenders at the Georgetown Criminal Justice Clinic during a college semester in Washington, D.C. He noted that the experience “sold” him on the law, remarking, “It was fascinating stuff—interviewing witnesses, photographing crime scenes, and being around extremely passionate and dedicated lawyers who loved going to work every day. I took a witness statement on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, and I was sold on the law and on D.C.”¹²⁰

¹²⁰ [“Home Run: Former baseball player enjoys the intensity of appellate work” Sheila Pursglove, LegalNews.com, 10/28/2013](#)

DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

SOCIAL MEDIA AND ONLINE ACCOUNTS

OVERVIEW

We have reviewed online and social media accounts operated by Hudson. Accounts reviewed are compiled below, while findings of note have been catalogued in their respective sections of the book.

FACEBOOK

Campaign Facebook

Hudson has a campaign [Facebook](#) page that was created in September 2023. As of August 2024, the page has no public likes and 566 followers.

TWITTER

Campaign Twitter

Hudson has a campaign Twitter account, [@PaulHudsonMI](#), that was created in September 2023. As of August 2024, the account has 691 followers and follows 1,579 accounts. It has 366 posts.

INSTAGRAM

Campaign Instagram (@PaulHudsonMI)

Hudson has a campaign Instagram account, [@PaulHudsonMI](#). As of August 2024, the account has 170 posts and 222 followers.

YOUTUBE

Campaign YouTube (@PaulHudsonMI)

Hudson has a campaign YouTube channel, [@PaulHudsonMI](#). As of August 2024, the channel has 8 videos and 10 subscribers. The channel was created in September 2023.

LINKEDIN

LinkedIn Account

Hudson has a public [LinkedIn](#) account. As of August 2024, he has over 500 connections and 672 followers.

WEBSITES AND DOMAIN REGISTRATION

DOMAIN REGISTRATIONS

Summary

Paul Hudson registered his campaign website (paulhudsonforcongress.com) in August of 2023 and has maintained the website since then.

Domain	Created	Expires	Status	Reg. Name	State
Paulhudsonforcongress.com	08/20/2023	08/20/2024	Active	Private	MI

WEALTH

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES

SUMMARY

NET WORTH

Summary

Hudson’s most recent disclosure covering 1/1/2023-4/15/2024 pegged his net worth between \$7.38 million and \$33.3 million. This range represents a worst-case scenario (minimum asset value minus maximum debt) and a best-case scenario (vice versa). On “average,” Hudson’s most recent net worth was \$20.4 million.

	Assets		Liabilities		Net Worth		
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Average	Worst	Best
2023 Report	\$6,981,036.00	\$29,440,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,210,518.00	\$6,981,036.00	\$29,440,000.00
2024 Report	\$7,380,036.00	\$33,325,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,352,518.00	\$7,380,036.00	\$33,325,000.00

State Disclosures

Candidates in Michigan were not required to file personal financial disclosures until March 2024 following the 2022 passage of Proposal 1.¹²¹ As a result, Hudson has not filed any state disclosures.

ASSETS

2024 CANDIDATE FILING (1/1/2023-4/15/2024)

OVERVIEW

Research Note

Hudson has filed two candidate reports covering overlapping periods, with only minor changes between the two. As a result, Hudson’s 2024 candidate report covering 1/1/2023-4/15/2024 has been used to summarize assets below. Differences between the two reports have been noted separately [see “Changes between 2023 and 2024 reports”].

Summary

Hudson’s 2024 candidate filing disclosed between \$7.38M and \$33.3M in assets, roughly three-quarters of which were held in two excepted/qualified blind trusts through the Hudson Investment Trust.

Asset Type	Minimum Value (\$)	Maximum Value (\$)	Minimum Value (%)	Maximum Value (%)
Excepted/Qualified Blind Trust	\$5,500,002.00	\$26,000,000.00	74.53%	78.02%
Mutual Funds	\$1,265,028.00	\$5,925,000.00	17.14%	17.78%
Other	\$350,002.00	\$750,000.00	4.74%	2.25%
Bank Accounts, Money Market Accounts and CDs	\$200,002.00	\$500,000.00	2.71%	1.50%
Debts Owed to the Filer	\$50,001.00	\$100,000.00	0.68%	0.30%

¹²¹ [“Michigan rolls out ‘interim’ Proposal 1 financial disclosure portal” Jordyn Hermani, Bridge Michigan, 3/15/2024](#)

Fixed Annuity	\$15,001.00	\$50,000.00	0.20%	0.15%
Grand Total	\$7,380,036.00	\$33,325,000.00	100.00%	100.00%

CHANGES BETWEEN 2023 AND 2024 REPORTS

The majority of Hudson’s 2023 and 2024 reports are identical, aside from a few key changes.

Three assets changed value. Additionally, the “former primary residence listed for sale” in Kalamazoo was not included on his 2024 report, and his 2024 candidate loan was not included on his 2023 report.

Asset Type		2023 Report Value	2024 Report Value	Net Change
Mutual Funds	VANGUARD MCPS RETIREMENT 401K - CAPITAL ACCUM → VANGUARD TARGET RETIRE 2045 TR II	\$500,001-\$1,000,001	\$1,000,001-\$5,000,000	+\$1.00-\$4,499,000
Real Property	RESIDENTIAL HOME - NON-PRIMARY	\$500,001-\$1,000,001	[N/A]	-\$500,001-1,000,000
Bank Account	BANK OF AMERICA - SAVINGS	\$50,001-\$100,000	\$100,001-\$250,000	+\$1.00-\$4,499,000
Other	LOAN II - PAUL HUDSON FOR CONGRESS	[N/A]	\$100,001-\$250,000	+\$100,001-\$250,000
Other	CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST ACCOUNT → CASH FROM DIVIDENDS TO REINVEST	\$1,001-\$15,000	\$250,001-\$500,000	\$235,001-\$498,000

EXCEPTED/QUALIFIED BLIND TRUSTS

Hudson disclosed between \$5.5M and \$26M held across two trusts in the Hudson Investment Trust.

Excepted/Qualified Blind Trust Assets	Minimum Value (\$)	Maximum Value (\$)
HUDSON INVESTMENT TRUST	\$5,500,002.00	\$26,000,000.00
HUDSON INVESTMENT TRUST II (20% BENEFICIAL INTEREST)	\$5,000,001.00	\$25,000,000.00
HUDSON INVESTMENT TRUST FBO PAUL HUDSON	\$500,001.00	\$1,000,000.00
Grand Total	\$5,500,002.00	\$26,000,000.00

MUTUAL FUNDS

Hudson disclosed between \$1.27 million and \$5.93 million in mutual funds. These holdings included two Michigan 529 plans (presumably for his two dependent children, Sarah and John).

Fund Assets/Holdings	Minimum Value (\$)	Maximum Value (\$)
[BLANK] – holder not provided	\$1,116,005.00	\$5,265,000.00
VANGUARD MCPS RETIREMENT 401K - CAPITAL ACCUM	\$1,000,001.00	\$5,000,000.00
VANGUARD TARGET RETIRE 2045 TR II	\$1,000,001.00	\$5,000,000.00
MICHIGAN EDUCATIONAL SAVINGS PLAN	\$100,002.00	\$200,000.00
MICHIGAN 529 PLAN – DC1	\$50,001.00	\$100,000.00
MICHIGAN 529 PLAN – DC2	\$50,001.00	\$100,000.00
VANGUARD MCPS RETIREMENT 401K - DEFINED CONTR	\$16,002.00	\$65,000.00
VANGUARD TARGET RETIRE 2045 TR II	\$15,001.00	\$50,000.00
RETIRE SAVINGS TRUST III	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00

Held by spouse	\$95,011.00	\$375,000.00
TIAA - SPOUSE	\$65,009.00	\$275,000.00
ALLSPRING SPC MDCPVI R6	\$15,001.00	\$50,000.00
VANGUARD TGT RETIRE 2045	\$15,001.00	\$50,000.00
T ROWE PRICE GRW STOCK I	\$15,001.00	\$50,000.00
VICTORY INTEGRITY SCV R6	\$15,001.00	\$50,000.00
AMERICAN EUROPAC GRW R6	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00
VANG SML-CAP IDX INS	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00
VANG INST IDX INST	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00
VANF EMR MKTS STK IDX INS	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00
VANG DEVELOPD MKTS IDX INS	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00
ECAP - SPOUSE	\$15,001.00	\$50,000.00
LIFEPATH 2045	\$15,001.00	\$50,000.00
L 2045 THRIFT SAVINGS - SPOUSE	\$15,001.00	\$50,000.00
L2045	\$15,001.00	\$50,000.00
Held jointly	\$54,012.00	\$285,000.00
CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST ACCOUNT	\$54,012.00	\$285,000.00
SPDR PORT MSCI GLBL STCK	\$15,001.00	\$50,000.00
SCHWAB US LARGE CAP ETF	\$15,001.00	\$50,000.00
SCHWAB US AGGREGATE BOND	\$15,001.00	\$50,000.00
SCHWAB INTERMEDIATE TERM	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00
SCHWAN [SIC] SMALL CAP ETF	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00
SCHWAB FUNDAMENTAL INL	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00
SCHWAB EMERGING MARKETS	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00
SPDR MSCI ACWI EX-US	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00
WISDOMTREE YIELD ENHNC U	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00
SCHWAB US LARGE CAP - VALUE	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00
PIMCO INVEST GRADE CORP	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00
SCHWAB US LARGE CAP - GROWTH	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00
Grand Total	\$1,265,028.00	\$5,925,000.00

BANK ACCOUNTS

Hudson disclosed two bank accounts held jointly with his wife: a checking and savings account.

Bank Accounts	Minimum Value (\$)	Maximum Value (\$)
BANK OF AMERICA - SAVINGS	\$100,001.00	\$250,000.00
BANK OF AMERICA - CHECKING	\$100,001.00	\$250,000.00
Grand Total	\$200,002.00	\$500,000.00

FIXED ANNUITIES

Hudson disclosed one fixed annuity held by his wife.

Fixed Annuities	Minimum Value (\$)	Maximum Value (\$)
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Held by spouse	\$15,001.00	\$50,000.00
WESTERNASSET CORPLSBN D IS	\$15,001.00	\$50,000.00
Grand Total	\$15,001.00	\$50,000.00

DEBTS OWED TO THE FILER

Hudson disclosed one loan to his campaign that was coded as a “debt owed to the filer.” An additional campaign loan, however, was classified as “other.”

Debts owed to filer	Minimum Value (\$)	Maximum Value (\$)
LOAN - PAUL HUDSON FOR CONGRESS	\$50,001.00	\$100,000.00
Grand Total	\$50,001.00	\$100,000.00

Based on campaign finance data, these disclosed assets refer to the following campaign loans. As of August 2024, Hudson is still owed \$250K by his campaign.¹²²

PFD Description	Date Loaned	Amount Loaned (\$)	Outstanding Amount (as of August 2024)
LOAN - PAUL HUDSON FOR CONGRESS	8/31/2023	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
LOAN II - PAUL HUDSON FOR CONGRESS	3/27/2024	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
Grand Total	\$50,001.00	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00

OTHER ASSETS

Hudson disclosed between \$350K and \$750K in “other” assets: an additional loan to his campaign [see “debts owed to the filer”] and cash from dividends to reinvest.

Asset Type	Minimum Value (\$)	Maximum Value (\$)
CASH	\$250,001.00	\$500,000.00
CASH FROM DIVIDENDS TO REINVEST	\$250,001.00	\$500,000.00
LOAN II - PAUL HUDSON FOR CONGRESS	\$100,001.00	\$250,000.00
LOAN OF PERSONAL FUNDS TO CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE	\$100,001.00	\$250,000.00
Grand Total	\$350,002.00	\$750,000.00

As mentioned in the outline of changes between Hudson’s 2023 and 2024 candidate reports, Hudson reported significantly more cash in his 2024 report: he reported between \$1K-15K in 2023 and between \$250K-500K in 2024.

INCOME

EARNED INCOME

Summary

¹²² [Filing FEC-1806216, Paul Hudson for Congress, FEC.gov, 7/25/2024](#)

On Hudson’s 2023 and 2024 reports, he disclosed an approximate partner income of around \$327K from Miller Canfield in 2022 and 2023. In 2024, he has received approximately a third of the income he would have by mid-April in prior years. (\$39,500 versus ~\$122,000).

Hudson also reported interest income and dividends from the Hudson Investment Trust, the bulk of which came in 2022.

Hudson also reported \$0 in spouse salary.

Year	Source	Type	Amount
2022	MILLER, CANFIELD, PADDOCK & STONE, P.L.	PARTNER INCOME	\$329,291.00
2023	MILLER, CANFIELD, PADDOCK & STONE, P.L.	PARTNER INCOME	\$325,844.00
2024 (1/1-4/15)	MILLER, CANFIELD, PADDOCK & STONE, P.L.	PARTNER INCOME	\$39,500.00
2022	HUDSON INVESTMENT TRUST	INTEREST INCOME AND DIVIDENDS	\$378,139.00
2023	HUDSON INVESTMENT TRUST	INTEREST INCOME AND DIVIDENDS	\$4,247.00
2024 (1/1-4/15)	HUDSON INVESTMENT TRUST	INTEREST INCOME AND DIVIDENDS	\$0.00
2022	DEFENSE FINANCE & ACTG SERV	SPOUSE SALARY	\$0.00
2023	DEFENSE FINANCE & ACTG SERV	SPOUSE SALARY	\$0.00
2024 (1/1-4/15)	DEFENSE FINANCE & ACTG SERV	SPOUSE SALARY	\$0.00

ASSET-BASED INCOME

SUMMARY

From 2022 to April 15, 2024, Hudson reported between \$107K and \$1.03M in asset-based income. Nearly all of this amount came from 2022 income from his Hudson Investment Trust between \$100K and \$1M.

Asset-Based Income by Year	Minimum Value (\$)	Maximum Value (\$)
2022	\$101,615.00	\$1,009,200.00
2023	\$4,115.00	\$14,200.00
2024 (1/1/2024-4/15/2024)	\$1,215.00	\$7,800.00
Grand Total	\$106,945.00	\$1,031,200.00

2022

Hudson reported between \$101,615 and \$1,009,200 in asset-based income in 2022. Nearly all of this came from his Hudson Investment Trust.

2022 Asset-Based Income	Minimum Income (\$)	Maximum Income (\$)
Excepted/Qualified Blind Trust	\$100,001.00	\$1,000,000.00
HUDSON INVESTMENT TRUST	\$100,001.00	\$1,000,000.00
HUDSON INVESTMENT TRUST II	\$100,001.00	\$1,000,000.00
Mutual Funds	\$1,211.00	\$7,000.00
CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST ACCOUNT	\$1,211.00	\$7,000.00
SCHWAB US LARGE CAP ETF	\$201.00	\$1,000.00
SPDR PORT MSCI GBLB STCK	\$201.00	\$1,000.00

SPDR MSCI ACWI EX-US	\$201.00	\$1,000.00
SCHWAB US AGGREGATE BOND	\$201.00	\$1,000.00
SCHWAB US LARGE CAP - VALUE	\$201.00	\$1,000.00
SCHWAB US LARGE CAP - GROWTH	\$201.00	\$1,000.00
PIMCO INVEST GRADE CORP	\$1.00	\$200.00
SCHWAB EMERGING MARKETS	\$1.00	\$200.00
WISDOMTREE YIELD ENHNC U	\$1.00	\$200.00
SCHWAB INTERMEDIATE TERM	\$1.00	\$200.00
SCHWAN [SIC] SMALL CAP ETF	\$1.00	\$200.00
SCHWAB FUNDAMENTAL INL	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bank Accounts, Money Market Accounts and CDs	\$402.00	\$2,000.00
BANK OF AMERICA - SAVINGS	\$201.00	\$1,000.00
BANK OF AMERICA - CHECKING	\$201.00	\$1,000.00
Other	\$1.00	\$200.00
CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST ACCOUNT	\$1.00	\$200.00
CASH	\$1.00	\$200.00
Grand Total	\$101,615.00	\$1,009,200.00

2023

Hudson reported between \$4,115-\$14,200 in asset-based income in 2023.

2023 Asset-Based Income	Minimum Income (\$)	Maximum Income (\$)
Excepted/Qualified Blind Trust	\$2,501.00	\$5,000.00
HUDSON INVESTMENT TRUST	\$2,501.00	\$5,000.00
HUDSON INVESTMENT TRUST FBO PAUL HUDSON	\$2,501.00	\$5,000.00
Mutual Funds	\$1,211.00	\$7,000.00
CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST ACCOUNT	\$1,211.00	\$7,000.00
SCHWAB US LARGE CAP ETF	\$201.00	\$1,000.00
SPDR PORT MSCI GLBL STCK	\$201.00	\$1,000.00
SPDR MSCI ACWI EX-US	\$201.00	\$1,000.00
SCHWAB US AGGREGATE BOND	\$201.00	\$1,000.00
SCHWAB US LARGE CAP - VALUE	\$201.00	\$1,000.00
SCHWAB US LARGE CAP - GROWTH	\$201.00	\$1,000.00
PIMCO INVEST GRADE CORP	\$1.00	\$200.00
SCHWAB EMERGING MARKETS	\$1.00	\$200.00
WISDOMTREE YIELD ENHNC U	\$1.00	\$200.00
SCHWAB INTERMEDIATE TERM	\$1.00	\$200.00
SCHWAN [SIC] SMALL CAP ETF	\$1.00	\$200.00
Bank Accounts, Money Market Accounts and CDs	\$402.00	\$2,000.00
BANK OF AMERICA - SAVINGS	\$201.00	\$1,000.00
BANK OF AMERICA - CHECKING	\$201.00	\$1,000.00
Other	\$1.00	\$200.00
CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST ACCOUNT	\$1.00	\$200.00

CASH	\$1.00	\$200.00
Grand Total	\$4,115.00	\$14,200.00

2024 (1/1-4/15)

Hudson reported between \$1,215-\$7,800 in asset-based income in the first 3.5 months of 2024. Nearly all of this income came from mutual funds.

2024 Asset-Based Income (1/1/2024-4/15/2024)	Minimum Income (\$)	Maximum Income (\$)
Mutual Funds	\$1,212.00	\$7,200.00
CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST ACCOUNT	\$1,212.00	\$7,200.00
SCHWAB US LARGE CAP ETF	\$201.00	\$1,000.00
SPDR PORT MSCI GLBL STCK	\$201.00	\$1,000.00
SPDR MSCI ACWI EX-US	\$201.00	\$1,000.00
SCHWAB US AGGREGATE BOND	\$201.00	\$1,000.00
SCHWAB US LARGE CAP - VALUE	\$201.00	\$1,000.00
SCHWAB US LARGE CAP - GROWTH	\$201.00	\$1,000.00
SCHWAB EMERGING MARKETS	\$1.00	\$200.00
WISDOMTREE YIELD ENHNC U	\$1.00	\$200.00
PIMCO INVEST GRADE CORP	\$1.00	\$200.00
SCHWAB INTERMEDIATE TERM	\$1.00	\$200.00
SCHWAB FUNDAMENTAL INL	\$1.00	\$200.00
SCHWAN [SIC] SMALL CAP ETF	\$1.00	\$200.00
Bank Accounts, Money Market Accounts and CDs	\$2.00	\$400.00
BANK OF AMERICA - SAVINGS	\$1.00	\$200.00
BANK OF AMERICA - CHECKING	\$1.00	\$200.00
Other	\$1.00	\$200.00
CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST ACCOUNT	\$1.00	\$200.00
CASH	\$1.00	\$200.00
Grand Total	\$1,215.00	\$7,800.00

LIABILITIES

Hudson did not report any liabilities on his 2023 and 2024 candidate reports.

POSITIONS

Hudson's only disclosed position was his role as a partner at Miller Canfield.

Year	Position	Name of Organization
2023	PARTNER	MILLER, CANFIELD, PADDOCK & STONE, P.L.
2024	PARTNER	MILLER, CANFIELD, PADDOCK & STONE, P.L.

GIFTS

Hudson did not report any gifts on his 2023 and 2024 candidate reports.

FILING HISTORY

Summary

Below is a table summarizing Hudson's federal filing history.

Filing History Summary

Filing	Coverage	Filing Date
Extension Request	N/A	9/23/2023
2023 Candidate Report	1/1/2023- [11/27/2023-12/26/2023]*	12/26/2023
2024 Candidate Report	1/1/2023 – 4/15/2024	5/12/2024

***Research Note:** Candidates [are able to](#) select a reporting period ending date as long as it is no more than 30 days prior to the date of filing. Hudson did not clarify the end date on his report submitted on 12/26/2023. Assuming he properly complied with regulations, this indicates the report's coverage ended sometime between November 27 and December 26, 2023.

POLITICS

CAMPAIGNS

HISTORICAL ELECTION RESULTS

Summary

Hudson ran in one Michigan Supreme Court Race. In 2022, there were two open court seats up for election. All candidates appeared on the same ballot and voters could vote for up to two candidates. Hudson was nominated to the Republican Party line by convention along with Brian Zahra. A fifth candidate, Kerry Lee Morgan, ran as a Libertarian. Hudson placed fourth in the election, last among major party candidates. In August 2024, Hudson defeated Michael Markey Jr. in the Republican Primary for Michigan’s 3rd Congressional District.¹²³

Year	Race	Candidates	Vote	Percentage
2022	GENERAL – Michigan Supreme Court	Richard Bernstein (D)	2,120,661	33.9%
		Brian Zahra (R)	1,493,317	23.9%
		Kyra Harris Bolden (D)	1,368,652	21.9%
		Paul Hudson (R)	834,436	13.3%
		Kerry Lee Morgan (L)	438,595	7%
2024	PRIMARY – Michigan’s 3rd Congressional District	Paul Hudson (R)	39,088	54.6%
		Michael Markey Jr. (R)	32,447	45.4%

¹²³ [Paul Hudson, Ballotpedia, Accessed 8/16/2024](#)

Boasted about endorsements from news and free press

In October 2022, Hudson appeared on the podcast All Take with Jordan and Diets, where he announced that he received an endorsement from the Detroit Free Press and the Detroit News. Hudson claimed that he was the only candidate endorsed by both and referred to these endorsements as a:

Sign we're doing something right here¹²⁴

Stated that he would be a non-partisan judge

In October 2022, Hudson appeared on the podcast All Take with Jordan and Diets, where he claimed that he would remain non-partisan as an elected judge. In another interview, Hudson mentioned that he was nominated by Republican's but would still maintain non-partisan in legal rulings.¹²⁵ When asked how his tenure would affect the Supreme Court, Hudson responded:

I believe firmly that we need our judges to be non-partisan, and fair, and just neutral umpires.¹²⁶

Partially agreed with constitutional changes

In October 2022, Hudson appeared on the podcast All Take with Jordan and Diets, where he partially agreed with constitutional changes. During the episode, Hudson stated that Michiganders should have the power, but judges should not. Specifically, he said:

Well it's part of our system to empower the voters to be able to amend their constitution. I think it's important for judges and judicial candidates to realize that it's not appropriate for judges, judges themselves to amend the constitution.¹²⁷

¹²⁴ " Paul Hudson ~ All Talk with Jordan and Dietz", Cumulus Media Detroit, Listen Notes, 10/18/2022

¹²⁵ " Paul Hudson ~ The Paul W. Smith Show", Cumulus Media Detroit, Listen Notes, 10/12/2022

¹²⁶ Paul Hudson ~ All Talk with Jordan and Dietz", Cumulus Media Detroit, Listen Notes, 10/18/2022

¹²⁷ Paul Hudson ~ All Talk with Jordan and Dietz", Cumulus Media Detroit, Listen Notes, 10/18/2022

POLITICAL RELATIONSHIPS

PARTIES, MOVEMENTS, AND PACS

RED PILLED MICHIGAN

Spoke at a Red Pilled Michigan event

In March 2024, Hudson spoke at a “Red Pilled Michigan” event.¹²⁸



TURNING POINT USA

Met with a representative from Turning Point USA, Miguel Pilar.

In April 2024, Turning Point USA representative Miguel Pilar tweeted that he “had a great morning meeting with @PaulHudsonMI” talking about Turning Point’s ‘Chase the Vote’ initiative.¹²⁹



¹²⁸ [Tweet, @PaulHudsonMI, 3/24/2024](#)

¹²⁹ [Tweet, @RealMiguelPilar, 4/2/2024](#)

WEST MICHIGAN FOR CHANGE

Hudson's brother, Ryan, founded West Michigan for Change to help his brother win

In 2024, The Detroit News reported that Ryan Hudson, Paul Hudson's brother, founded a new conservative PAC called West Michigan for Change "looking to help [Hudson] win a Republican primary."¹³⁰

West Michigan for Change reported receiving \$1 million from Hudson's revocable trust

In 2024, West Michigan for Change's first quarterly report showed a \$1 million contribution coming from the Paul Hudson Revocable Trust. The Detroit News reported that the contribution was potentially illegal.¹³¹

West Michigan for Change amended the filing to show the \$1 million coming from Paul Hudson's trust

In 2024, the Detroit News reported that after they reached out to Hudson's campaign to comment on the \$1 million contribution, West Michigan for Change filed an amended report that showed the \$1 million coming from Hudson's brother's revocable trust instead. The Detroit News noted that they did not reach out to the Super PAC about the contribution yet.¹³²

The Detroit News reached out to the Hudson campaign for comment on the matter Tuesday afternoon. Within 30 minutes, the super PAC filed an amended disclosure with the Federal Election Commission changing the contributor's name to the Ryan Hudson Revocable Trust.

[...]

At the time of that inquiry to Hudson's campaign, The News had not yet reached out to the pro-Hudson super PAC on the matter. It is unclear how they became aware of the error.

MICHIGAN

BERGMAN, JACK

Endorsed by Rep. Jack Bergman

In April 2024, Hudson tweeted that he was honored to be endorsed by Rep. Jack Bergman.¹³³

¹³⁰ ["Michigan congressional candidate's brother bankrolling super PAC aiding his campaign," Grant Schwab, The Detroit News, 4/17/2024](#)

¹³¹ ["Michigan congressional candidate's brother bankrolling super PAC aiding his campaign," Grant Schwab, The Detroit News, 4/17/2024](#)

¹³² ["Michigan congressional candidate's brother bankrolling super PAC aiding his campaign," Grant Schwab, The Detroit News, 4/17/2024](#)

¹³³ [Tweet, @PaulHudsonMI, 4/8/2024](#)



DEVOS FAMILY

Received \$19,800 from DeVos family members

As of June 30th, 2024, Hudson has received \$19,800 from six members of the DeVos family.¹³⁴

Donor	Amount
Devos, Suzanne Cheryl	\$3,300.00
Devos, Richard M	\$3,300.00
Devos, Pamella	\$3,300.00
Devos, Maria	\$3,300.00
Devos, Douglas L	\$3,300.00
Devos, Daniel G	\$3,300.00
Total	\$19,800.00

VANDERWALL, CURT

Endorsed by State Rep. Curt Vanderwall

In May 2024, Hudson celebrated being endorsed by state Rep. Curt Vanderwall.¹³⁵

¹³⁴ [Receipts, Paul Hudson for Congress, FEC, Accessed 8/16/2024](#)

¹³⁵ [Tweet, @PaulHudsonMI, 5/6/2024](#)



VICTORY, ROGER

Endorsed by State Sen. Roger Victory

In April 2024, Hudson tweeted that he was honored to be endorsed by Michigan state Senator Roger Victory.¹³⁶

¹³⁶ [Tweet, @PaulHudsonMI, 4/8/2024](#)



NATIONAL

JOHNSON, MIKE

Welcomed Johnson to Grand Rapids, appeared with him

In May 2024, Hudson tweeted a welcome message to Speaker Johnson and posted a photo with him.¹³⁷

¹³⁷ [Tweet, @PaulHudsonMI, 5/18/2024](#)



TRUMP, DONALD

Said he'd support Trump as the nominee because he's "a team player"

In April 2024, Hudson was asked if he fully supported President Trump for election, to which he responded:¹³⁸
I'm a team player, I'm going to support the ticket. I'm going to support the President to do the things that we need to do. Secure the border, tackle inflation, bring down our national debt. The best way that I can do that and support the ticket is by focusing laser focused on Hillary Scholten and defeating her in November. That's all that matters.

up and down, period. The best way I can do that is by taking on Hillary Scholten so when he is the president we can pass good, strong border security, tackle inflation, bring down government spending. So that's going to be my focus between now and November.

ENDORSEMENTS

2024

Hudson has announced endorsements from the following public officials:

- State Rep. Tommy Bran¹³⁹
- State Senator Rock Outman¹⁴⁰
- Kent County Commissioner Matt Kallman¹⁴¹
- Grand Rapids Township Supervisor Mike DeVries¹⁴²

¹³⁸ Kent County Coffee Hour, DCCC Track Report, 4/5/2024, 25:50-26:47

¹³⁹ [Tweet, @PaulHudsonMI, 5/7/2024](#)

¹⁴⁰ [Tweet, @PaulHudsonMI, 5/3/2024](#)

¹⁴¹ [Tweet, @PAulHudsonMI, 5/1/2024](#)

¹⁴² [Tweet, @PaulHudsonMI, 4/30/2024](#)

Kent County Commissioner Ben Greene¹⁴³
Michigan State Representative Bryan Posthumus¹⁴⁴
Cannon Township Supervisor Steve Grimm.¹⁴⁵
Former Detroit Police Chief James Craig¹⁴⁶
Michigan State Senator Jon Bumstead¹⁴⁷

¹⁴³ [Tweet, @PaulHudsonMI, 4/30/2024](#)

¹⁴⁴ [Tweet, @PaulHudsonMI, 4/27/2024](#)

¹⁴⁵ [Tweet, @PaulHudsonMI, 4/24/2024](#)

¹⁴⁶ [Tweet, @PaulHudsonMI, 4/8/2024](#)

¹⁴⁷ [Tweet, @PaulHudsonMI, 4/8/2024](#)

PERSONAL POLITICAL ACTIVITY

PERSONAL POLITICAL DONATIONS

Summary

Hudson has given a total of \$22,567.50 to candidates, PACs, and committees at the federal and state and local level, outside his own campaign committee. Hudson has also given his own campaign for Michigan Supreme Court \$252,435.82, including a one-time \$250,000 contribution and a \$1,356 in-kind contribution for event catering.

STATE AND LOCAL

Summary

Hudson has given a total of \$19,986.62 to state and local candidates, PACs, and committees, according to the Michigan Campaign Finance Search.¹⁴⁸

Candidate Committees

Hudson has given a total of \$6,700 to candidates in Michigan, not including contributions to his own committee. Donations include \$2,500 to Judge Michael Warren running for the Court of Appeals in 2022 and \$2,500 to Brian Zahara, the other Republican nominee for Supreme Court in 2022.¹⁴⁹

Committee	Date	Amount
BRIAN ZAHRA FOR JUSTICE	8/30/2022	\$2,500.00
JUDGE MICHAEL WARREN FOR COURT OF AP	8/30/2022	\$2,500.00
BROCK SWARTZLE FOR JUSTICE	8/22/2020	\$500.00
TOM LEONARD FOR MICHIGAN	10/18/2018	\$100.00
TOM LEONARD FOR MICHIGAN	10/8/2018	\$250.00
CTR JUSTICE ELIZABETH T CLEMENT	6/29/2018	\$50.00
CTR JUSTICE KURTIS T WILDER	6/29/2018	\$50.00
BILL SCHUETTE FOR MICHIGAN	10/27/2014	\$250.00
RICK SNYDER FOR MICHIGAN	10/27/2014	\$250.00
RICK SNYDER FOR MICHIGAN	10/17/2014	\$250.00
TOTAL		\$6,700.00

Self Contributions

Hudson gave his 2022 campaign for Michigan Supreme Court \$252,435.82 in total, including one-time \$250,000 contribution and a \$1,356 in-kind contribution for event catering.¹⁵⁰

Committee	Type	Date	Amount
PAUL HUDSON FOR JUSTICE	DIRECT	2/22/2022	\$250,000.00
PAUL HUDSON FOR JUSTICE	INKIND - CATERING	9/29/2022	\$1,356.00
PAUL HUDSON FOR JUSTICE	DIRECT	11/28/2022	\$1,079.82
TOTAL			\$252,435.82

¹⁴⁸ [Contribution Analysis, Michigan Campaign Finance Search, Accessed 8/5/2024](#)

¹⁴⁹ [Contribution Analysis, Michigan Campaign Finance Search, Accessed 8/5/2024](#)

¹⁵⁰ [Contribution Analysis, Michigan Campaign Finance Search, Accessed 8/5/2024](#)

Parties

Hudson has given a total of \$216 to local Republican committees.¹⁵¹

Committee	Date	Amount
6TH DISTRICT REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE	3/11/2022	\$40.00
6TH DISTRICT REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE	3/10/2022	\$40.00
KENT COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE	12/14/2023	\$56.00
LAPEER COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY	3/12/2022	\$80.00
TOTAL		\$216.00

PACs

Hudson has given a total of \$13,072.62 to his law firm's corporate PAC.

Committee	Date	Amount
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	9/28/2023	\$1,263.00
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	5/26/2022	\$962.00
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	9/23/2021	\$280.00
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	7/22/2021	\$280.00
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	1/28/2021	\$486.00
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	12/11/2019	\$462.96
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	12/9/2019	\$92.59
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	10/9/2019	\$140.19
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	4/30/2019	\$180.18
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	4/9/2019	\$86.96
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	12/17/2018	\$90.09
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	10/26/2018	\$225.23
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	10/2/2018	\$434.78
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	9/24/2018	\$217.39
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	8/28/2018	\$217.39
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	8/13/2018	\$173.91
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	7/18/2018	\$130.43
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	6/27/2018	\$173.91
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	5/30/2018	\$173.91
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	4/16/2018	\$347.83
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	3/2/2018	\$217.39
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	11/28/2017	\$307.02
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	10/18/2017	\$263.16
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	9/25/2017	\$219.30
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	7/14/2017	\$301.72
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	5/18/2017	\$172.41

¹⁵¹ [Contribution Analysis, Michigan Campaign Finance Search, Accessed 8/5/2024](#)

MILLER CANFIELD PAC	3/16/2017	\$208.33
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	1/25/2017	\$13.33
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	12/2/2016	\$168.07
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	10/13/2016	\$420.17
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	10/5/2016	\$168.07
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	9/27/2016	\$168.07
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	7/28/2016	\$210.08
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	6/23/2016	\$166.67
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	4/18/2016	\$163.93
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	3/10/2016	\$163.93
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	2/4/2016	\$163.93
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	12/8/2015	\$125.00
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	10/16/2015	\$327.87
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	8/7/2015	\$163.93
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	5/14/2015	\$238.10
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	2/18/2015	\$158.73
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	10/30/2014	\$201.61
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	10/16/2014	\$201.61
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	10/7/2014	\$201.61
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	7/24/2014	\$201.61
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	6/4/2014	\$196.85
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	3/27/2014	\$229.01
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	12/6/2013	\$78.13
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	11/1/2013	\$116.28
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	10/28/2013	\$116.28
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	10/18/2013	\$115.38
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	8/13/2013	\$192.31
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	4/11/2013	\$145.99
MILLER CANFIELD PAC	2/25/2013	\$145.99
TOTAL		\$13,070.62

FEDERAL

Candidate Committees

Hudson has given \$1,000 to federal candidate committees through a single contribution to John James for Senate. This is the extent of his candidate committee contributions, according to the FEC database.¹⁵²

Committee	Date	Amount
John James for Senate, INC.	7/22/2020	\$1,000

PACs

Hudson has given \$1,580.88 to PACs at the federal level, including \$1,000 to the Michigan GOP Red PAC in

¹⁵² [Individual Contributions, Paul Hudson, MI, FEC, Accessed 8/5/2024](#)

2024.¹⁵³

PAC	Date	Amount
Michigan GOP Red PAC	2/22/2024	\$1,000.00
Michigan Independent Political Action Committee	4/15/2020	\$450.45
Michigan Independent Political Action Committee	6/18/2018	\$130.43
TOTAL		\$1,580.88

¹⁵³ [Individual Contributions, Paul Hudson, MI, FEC, Accessed 8/5/2024](#)

ORGANIZATIONS

DUFFY DAUGHERTY MEMORIAL AWARD

OVERVIEW

Background

On 9/5/1991, the Duffy Daugherty Trophy Committee, Inc. (now known as the Duffy Daugherty Memorial Award Committee, Inc.) was incorporated as a domestic nonprofit corporation in the state of Michigan (ID Number: [800883548](#))

In its most recent filing from 2019, the organization noted its mission to “promote and recognize annual award for lifetime achievement in college and high school football” and “to award scholarships to deserving Mid-Michigan high school graduates.”¹⁵⁴

As of 12/1/2020, the organization was perpetually dissolved.

Hudson’s role

As of October 2013, Hudson stated he served on the organization’s board:¹⁵⁵

He serves on the Board of the Duffy Daugherty Memorial Award, named for his grandfather, head football coach at Michigan State University from 1954-72.

“Those were the glory days of Spartan football, and he was a great coach and a great human being – I’ve been fortunate the past few years to serve on the board of directors for a football award and scholarship in his name,” Hudson says. “We’ve given the award to some of the biggest names in college football over the years, including Bobby Bowden, Eddie Robinson, Keith Jackson—and yes, even some folks from the school in Ann Arbor, like Bo Schembechler and Lloyd Carr.”

We were unable to locate Hudson in available filings.

FILING SUMMARY

Michigan

Hudson was not named as a director in any of the organization’s available filings or annual reports. However, the annual reports only contained space to list three directors; it is possible the organization had more directors.

5 NAME and BUSINESS OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS			
	President	Patrick J. Boog, 321 W. Lake Lansing Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823	
If different than President	Secretary	Harriet Dean, 516 Edison, Lansing, MI 48910	
	Treasurer	Dirk Milliman, 6231 E Lake Drive, Haslett, MI 48840	
If the corporation is a private foundation or formed to provide care to a dentally underserved population, check the following box If box is checked the board shall consist of 1 or more directors The board of all other corporations shall consist of 3 or more directors. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Required Director(s)	Director	John Findley, 4600 Hawk Hollow Dr., Bath, MI 48800	
	Director	James Clark, 205 Kenberry, East Lansing, MI 48823	
	Director	Dyane Vernon, 4315 Wagon Wheel, Lansing, MI 48917	
6. Signature of authorized officer or agent		Title	Date
		President	12/10/19
Phone (Optional)			

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¹⁵⁴ [2019 Nonprofit Corporation Annual Report, Duffy Daugherty Memorial Award Committee, Inc., State of Michigan, 12/23/2019](#)

¹⁵⁵ [“Home Run: Former baseball player enjoys the intensity of appellate work” Sheila Pursglove, LegalNews.com, 10/28/2013](#)

REGISTRATION AND STATUS

MICHIGAN

On 9/5/1991, the Duffy Daugherty Trophy Committee, Inc. (ID Number: [800883548](#)) was incorporated as a domestic nonprofit corporation in the state of Michigan.

On 1/22/1993, the name of the Duffy Daugherty Trophy Committee, Inc. was changed to the Duffy Daugherty Memorial Award Committee, Inc.

As of 12/1/2020, the organization was perpetually dissolved.

FEDERAL

The organization did not appear to have registered with the IRS. It is not listed in the IRS' [database](#) of tax-exempt organizations and we were unable to locate and federal filings.

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN INC

OVERVIEW

Background

Goodwill Industries of SW Michigan (doing business as Goodwill Industries of Southwestern Michigan, Inc.) is a Kalamazoo, MI-based 501(c)(3) organization. The group has been tax-exempt since August 1958 (EIN: 38-1558550). Its mission is “to improve the community by providing employment, education, training and support services tailored to individual needs.”¹⁵⁶

Hudson’s role

Hudson has served as a director on the organization’s board since 2016.

FINANCES OVERVIEW

FILING SUMMARY

Filing Summary

Hudson has been named in the organization’s following IRS filings:

EIN	Org Name	Year	Year Ends
38-1558550	Goodwill Industries of SW Michigan	2016	12/31/2016
38-1558550	Goodwill Industries of SW Michigan	2017	12/31/2017
38-1558550	Goodwill Industries of SW Michigan	2018	12/31/2018
38-1558550	Goodwill Industries of SW Michigan	2019	12/31/2019
38-1558550	Goodwill Industries of SW Michigan	2020	12/31/2020
38-1558550	Goodwill Industries of SW Michigan	2021	12/31/2021
38-1558550	Goodwill Industries of SW Michigan	2022	12/31/2022

¹⁵⁶ [2022 Form 990, Goodwill Industries Of Southwestern Michigan Inc, 11/15/2023](#)

LEGAL CAREER

GENERAL BACKGROUND

TIMELINE

Summary

Hudson has worked at the following firms and clerkships during his legal career.

Time Period	Firm
2006 - 2008	Piper Hamilton LLP
2008 - 2009	Clerkship, Raymond M. Kethledge
2009 - Present	Miller Canfield PLC

PRACTICE AREAS

Miller Canfield PLC – Appeals Section Chair

According to his firm’s bio, Hudson serves as the Appeals Section Chair and focuses his practice on appellate matters in the state and federal appeals courts.¹⁵⁷

AWARDS

Named Michigan Lawyers Weekly “Up & Coming Lawyer” for 2013

In November 2013, Hudson was named as one of Michigan Lawyers Weekly’s “Up & Coming Lawyers”, which was awarded to 25 Michigan young lawyers that “display the ambition, drive, determination and accomplishments to set them apart from their peers.”¹⁵⁸

Michigan Defense Trial Counsel's Golden Gavel Award

In 2016, Hudson won the Michigan Defense Trial Counsel's Golden Gavel Award, which is given annually to a lawyer who "exemplifies significant contribution to professionalism and courtesy in the practice of law and [promotes] the image and honorable reputation of the profession."¹⁵⁹

Honors

Hudson has also received the following legal honors:¹⁶⁰

- The Fellows of the Michigan State Bar Foundation
- Best Lawyers in America, Appellate Practice & Commercial Litigation, 2016-present
- State Bar of Michigan Pro Bono Honor Roll, 2021
- Detroit Business Magazine, Top Lawyers, Appellate Law, 2020-present
- Michigan Super Lawyers, Appellate, 2023; Rising Star, 2011-2022

MEMBERSHIPS

Professional Memberships

Hudson noted he has maintained the following memberships:¹⁶¹

- Sixth Circuit Advisory Committee on Rules, Chair
- American Bar Association, Appellate Practice Committee, Former Membership and Diversity Chair

¹⁵⁷ [Paul D. Hudson, millercanfield.com, Accessed 8/16/2024](#)

¹⁵⁸ [“Miller Canfield Lawyer Paul Hudson Named One of Michigan Lawyers Weekly’s ‘Up & Coming Lawyers’” Press Release, Miller Canfield, 11/21/2013](#)

¹⁵⁹ [Paul D. Hudson, millercanfield.com, Accessed 8/16/2024](#)

¹⁶⁰ [Paul D. Hudson, millercanfield.com, Accessed 8/16/2024](#)

¹⁶¹ [Paul D. Hudson, millercanfield.com, Accessed 8/16/2024](#)

State Bar of Michigan, Appellate Practice Council
State Bar of Michigan, Former Litigation Section Council
State Bar of Michigan, Litigation Newsletter, Former Editor-in-Chief

REGISTRATION AND STATUS

MICHIGAN

Licensed in Michigan since 2006

According to the State Bar of Michigan's attorney search, Hudson is an active member in good standing and was admitted to the State Bar in 2006.¹⁶²

<p>Paul Daniel Hudson Miller Canfield Paddock & Stone PLC</p> <p>Appellate Practice</p> <p>✓ Accepting New Clients</p>	<p>Contact</p> <p>License# P69844</p> <p>Active Member in Good Standing</p> <p>Admitted 2006</p> <p>Licensed in MI</p>
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¹⁶² Attorney Search, State Bar of Michigan, Accessed 8/16/2024

CASEWORK AND CLIENTS

CHINA

REPRESENTED AVIATION INDUSTRY CORPORATION OF CHINA (AVIC), OWNED BY THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Hudson represented Aviation Industry Corporation of China (AVIC) in “Global Tech., Inc. V. Yubei (Xinxiang) Power, Et Al.”

“REPLY BRIEF filed by Attorney Mr. Paul D. Hudson for Appellant Aviation Industry Corporation Of China. Certificate of Service:04/10/2015. (PDH) [Entered: 04/10/2015 11:23 AM]” [Global Tech., Inc. v. Yubei (XinXiang) Power, et al., United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, PACER, 4/10/15]

Yubei Power Steering System Co., LTD. is a Chinese auto company that is a subsidiary of Aviation Industry Corporation Of China

“Yubei Power Steering System Co., Ltd., (‘Yubei’) is a Chinese automotive company that manufactures automobile equipment. Yubei is one of nearly 200 AVIC subsidiaries. A subsidiary of a subsidiary of a subsidiary of AVIC owns at least a minority stake (49%) in Yubei.” [Global Tech., Inc. v. Yubei (XinXiang) Power, et al., United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, PACER, 12/7/15]

Aviation Industry Corporation of China (AVIC) was owned by the People’s Republic of China (PRC)

“The People’s Republic Of China (‘PRC’) Owns AVIC. The company has a business license for both military products and ‘general business items,’ including automobile parts. AVIC’s business license shows a stamp of the official seal of the State Administration for Industry and Commerce of the People’s Republic of China, and the license states that AVIC is ‘Owned by the Whole People.’” [Global Tech., Inc. v. Yubei (XinXiang) Power, et al., United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, PACER, 12/7/15]

Hudson represented AVIC against Global Technology Inc., which was headquartered in Michigan

“REPLY BRIEF filed by Attorney Mr. Paul D. Hudson for Appellant Aviation Industry Corporation Of China. Certificate of Service:04/10/2015. (PDH) [Entered: 04/10/2015 11:23 AM].” [Global Tech., Inc. v. Yubei (XinXiang) Power, et al., United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, PACER, 4/10/15]

Global Technology Inc. was an American-based corporation headquartered in Michigan

“Global Technology, Inc. (‘GTI’) is an American corporation headquartered in Michigan, and serves as a sales representative and consultant for manufacturing companies in the United States and abroad, including acting as the sales representative for Yubei in the United States.” [Global Tech., Inc. v. Yubei (XinXiang) Power, et al., United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, PACER, 12/7/15]

HUDSON REPRESENTED AVIC WHILE THEY WERE ATTEMPTING TO BUY OUT MICHIGAN-BASED AUTO COMPANIES

2009: AVIC Expressed The Desire To Purchase Delphi, A Michigan-Based Auto Company

“In 2008, GTI undertook to pursue an alliance between Yubei, AVIC, and Delphi Corporation’s Global Steering Division (‘Delphi’), another Michigan company. In September 2009, Yuhei’s president wrote to Delphi’s president to express Yubei’s desire to purchase Delphi. The letter explained that Yubei is a subsidiary of AVIC and touted AVIC’s ‘significant industrial strength.’ However, General Motors (GM)—yet another Michigan company—ultimately purchased Delphi and renamed the company ‘Nexteer.’” [Global Tech., Inc. v. Yubei (XinXiang) Power, et al., United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, PACER, 12/7/15]

General Motors Ultimately Purchased Delphi And Renamed It “Nexteer.”

“The letter explained that Yubei is a subsidiary of AVIC and touted AVIC’s ‘significant industrial strength.’ However, General Motors (GM)—yet another Michigan company— ultimately purchased Delphi and renamed the company ‘Nexteer.’” [Global Tech., Inc. v. Yubei (XinXiang) Power, et al., United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, PACER, 12/7/15]

An AVIC Executive Offered \$350 Million To General Motors To Purchase Nexteer

“AVIC executive Wang Jian later met representatives from GM, Yubei, and GTI in Michigan. At this meeting, Wang Jian offered \$350 million to General Motors to acquire Nexteer. That offer was not accepted.” [Global Tech., Inc. v. Yubei (XinXiang) Power, et al., United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, PACER, 12/7/15]

2010: General Motors Sold Nexteer To A Different Chinese Company, Pacific Century, For \$450 Million

“In 2010, General Motors sold Nexteer to Pacific Century Motors, also a Chinese company, for \$450 million. In 2011, AVIC Auto—another subsidiary of AVIC—purchased fifty-one percent of Pacific Century’s shares, giving AVIC Auto control of Pacific Century and Nexteer.” [Global Tech., Inc. v. Yubei (XinXiang) Power, et al., United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, PACER, 12/7/15]

2011: AVIC Bought Controlling Shares In Pacific Century, Giving AVIC Control Of Nexteer

“In 2010, General Motors sold Nexteer to Pacific Century Motors, also a Chinese company, for \$450 million. In 2011, AVIC Auto—another subsidiary of AVIC—purchased fifty-one percent of Pacific Century’s shares, giving AVIC Auto control of Pacific Century and Nexteer.” [Global Tech., Inc. v. Yubei (XinXiang) Power, et al., United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, PACER, 12/7/15]

CONSUMER ISSUES

REPRESENTED FORD IN INDEMNIFICATION CASE

In 2019, Hudson represented Ford Motor Company in an appeal of a circuit court case that sought indemnification after a wrongful death lawsuit. [Michigan Court of Appeals Case #349212]

Appeal Stemmed from Wrongful Death Suit Involving Delivery to Ford Plant in Missouri

According to the Appeals Court ruling in the case, “This appeal arises out of a wrongful death action in Missouri that resulted in a substantial 50 award against defendant. The decedent, David Ford, was a delivery driver for Walkenhorst Transportation, LLC(Walkenhorst), and he was killed while delivering vehicle seats to plaintiff Ford Motor Company’s vehicle assembly plant in Kansas City. Ford v Ford Motor Co. [Michigan Court of Appeals Case #349212]

Jury Found Ford 95 Percent Responsible for Death

According to the Appeals Court ruling in the case, “The jury found plaintiff liable and 95% at fault for the decedent’s injuries. Ford, 585 SW3d at 326. “The jury also found that Ford Motor’s conduct satisfied the substantive standard for an award of aggravating circumstances damages.” [Michigan Court of Appeals Case #349212]

Ford Sought to Indemnify Itself, Sued Other Responsible Parties

According to the Appeals Court ruling in the case, “Plaintiff filed this action in the Oakland Circuit Court seeking indemnification from defendants pertaining to the Missouri action. Pursuant to the Purchase Order between plaintiff and Logistics, Logistics was required to provide trucking services for the Kansas City plant, purchase

commercial general liability and automobile liability insurance, and name plaintiff as an insured on any excess or umbrella policies. [Michigan Court of Appeals Case #349212]

Appeals Court Affirmed in Part, Reversed and Remanded in Part

According to the Appeals Court ruling in the case, “For the reasons set forth above, we rule as follows. The trial court erroneously found no question of material fact whether the equipment that caused the decedent’s injuries was “attached” to the truck. We therefore reverse the trial court’s grant of summary disposition in favor of Cherokee as to Cherokee’s substantive liability and Cherokee’s duty to defend under the General Policy. The trial court also erred in concluding that Universal and Logistics were entirely excused from indemnifying plaintiff under ¶12(a) of plaintiff’s Global Terms, in contrast to ¶12(b), insofar as plaintiff was found by the jury to be 5% not at fault, and the Motor Carrier Act does not render ¶12(a) void. Furthermore, plaintiff should have the opportunity to discover whether Universal and Logistics carried excess or umbrella insurance that did not name plaintiff as an insured. We therefore reverse in part the trial court’s grant of summary disposition in favor of Universal and Logistics. In all other respects, we affirm. The matter is remanded for further proceedings not inconsistent with this opinion. [Michigan Court of Appeals Case #349212]

Amicus Attorney for Michigan Manufacturers Association in Appeal of Case Holding Company Accountable for Defective Transmissions

In 2018, Hudson was an amicus attorney for the Michigan Manufacturers Association when Ford appealed a ruling by a Wayne County Circuit Judge that the Michigan Consumer Protection Act litigants standing to sue Ford for alleged defective transmissions in some Ford vehicles



[Michigan Court of Appeals Case #345751; Michigan Supreme Court Case # 160927]

Ford Appealed Wayne County Circuit Decision; Court of Appeals Ruled Company Exempt from Michigan Consumer Protection Act

In 2021, the Small Business Association of Michigan reported, “The 118 plaintiffs, who opted out of a now-settled class-action lawsuit and sued Ford on their own, won at the trial level when Wayne County Circuit Judge Annette Berry held the MCPA gave them standing to sue, but they sought an appeal with the MSC (Case No. 160927) after the Michigan Court of Appeals held that Ford was exempt from the MCPA.” [Small Business Association of Michigan, 2/16/21]

Plaintiffs Appealed to Michigan Supreme Court, Which Declined to Hear Case; Plaintiffs Filed Motion for Reconsideration

In 2021, the Small Business Association of Michigan reported, “MCPA gave them standing to sue, but they sought an appeal with the MSC (Case No. 160927) after the Michigan Court of Appeals held that Ford was exempt from the MCPA. The MSC declined to hear the case, but the plaintiffs filed a motion seeking reconsideration.” [Small Business Association of Michigan, 2/16/21]

Nessel Said Decision Gave Companies “A Free Pass for Misconduct,” Asked Supreme Court to Reconsider

In 2021, the Small Business Association of Michigan reported, “The Attorney General’s office asked the Michigan Supreme Court (MSC) to revisit its ‘erroneous interpretation’ of an exemption in the Michigan Consumer

Protection Act (MCPA) that allows for a ‘free pass for misconduct.’ Attorney General Dana Nessel said the court’s current interpretation means “wide swaths” of the economy are exempt from liability under the MCPA, opening consumers to significant risk. Nessel’s request comes in an amicus brief filed in *Jordan Cyr et al. v. Ford Motor Company* lawsuit, which originated in Wayne County and accuses Ford of violating the MCPA based on alleged defective transmissions in some Ford vehicles.” [Small Business Association of Michigan, 2/16/21]

Supreme Court Denied Request for Reconsideration

In 2021, the Michigan Supreme Court denied the request for reconsideration. [Michigan Supreme Court Case # 160927]

REPRESENTED FORD IN APPEAL OF CASE THAT HAD BEEN DECIDED WHEN DEFENSE COUNSEL FAILED TO SHOW UP

From 2014 to 2016, Hudson represented Ford Motors in the appeal of a case that had been filed over a defective car. The case had been decided in Calhoun Circuit Court in favor of the plaintiff, who had purchased the vehicle. However, that decision came when the defense attorney had failed to show up to a quickly scheduled hearing. The Michigan Appeals Court ruled in Ford’s favor to have the case remanded. [Court of Appeals Case # 324088]

FILED AMICUS BRIEF ON BEHALF OF MICHIGAN MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION IN CASE INVOLVING WOMAN WHO WAS KILLED BY DOWNED WIRE

During a case seeking to hold Consumers Energy accountable for a downed wire that killed a woman, Hudson submitted an amicus brief on behalf of the Michigan Manufacturers Association.

Party	Attorney	Payment Type
4. MI MANUFACTURERS ASSN	HUDSON PAUL D #69844	E-Pay
Comments MI Manufacturers Assn; brief attached		

[Michigan Supreme Court Case #154030]

Woman Killed by Downed Wire; Estate Unsuccessfully Sued

In 2011, Catherine Skidmore was killed when her leg was tangled in a live power line that had fallen across a neighbor’s yard and onto their vehicle.

Her estate filed suit against Consumers Energy Company for negligence and negligent infliction of emotional distress. The trial court ruled that the woman’s actions were not reasonable and, therefore, Consumers did not owe her a duty of care. [Calhoun Circuit Court Case #2012-001595- NH; Warner Norcross & Judd, 1/21/16]

Appeals Court Remanded Case for Further Proceedings

The estate appealed the trial court decision and the Michigan Court of Appeals held that there was a genuine issue of material fact regarding whether Catherine acted reasonably and that the trial court erred in granting Consumers’ motion for summary disposition. [Michigan Appeals Court Case #323757; Warner Norcross & Judd, 1/21/16]

Case Eventually Reached Michigan Supreme Court

In 2016, the case reached the Supreme Court, which appears to have remanded the case for further deliberations. [Michigan Supreme Court Case #154030]

NOTE: While it is reasonable to assume that Hudson’s amicus brief argued in favor of Consumers Energy’s position in the suit, we have requested a copy of the amicus brief filed by Hudson on behalf of the Michigan Manufacturers Association.

DEFENDED MORTGAGE COMPANY THAT CHARGED HIDDEN FEES, VIOLATED MORTGAGE AGREEMENTS

In 2013 and 2014, Hudson served as a defense attorney for Berkadia Mortgage when it was sued by the Hanover Grove Consumer Housing Cooperative, a non-profit in Fraser, Michigan

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[Case #2:13-cv-13553-AC-MJH]

Plaintiff Alleged Hidden Fees

In its complaint, the Hanover Grove Consumer Housing Cooperative alleged that Berkadia had charged fees that were not included in the mortgage agreement.

<p>10. When Phase I of Plaintiff’s mortgage was about to be paid off on time in 2011, Plaintiff was advised that there would be, in addition to the final installment payment, a \$500 “custodial and administrative expense”.</p> <p>11. When queried about what the expense represented, Berkadia provided an explanation that it was a standard fee charged regardless of the size of the loan to cover Berkadia’s expense in pulling original loan documents, preparing satisfactions and discharges and for paying other people or entities to file the discharge documents, etc.</p> <p>See attached Exhibit C.</p>

[Case #2:13-cv-13553-AC-MJH]

Hudson’s Client Offered Settlement That Was Accepted

In 2014, Hudson’s client made an offer of judgment that was accepted by the court and effectively settled the case.

JUDGMENT

Defendant having made an Offer Of Judgment under Fed. R. Civ. P. 68 on Plaintiff's First Amended Class Action Complaint and the Court having found that the Offer of Judgment should be entered as the judgment in this case, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that JUDGMENT is entered awarding Plaintiff the following relief:

1. Money damages of Three Hundred Twenty Eight Dollars (\$328.00);
2. Plaintiff's accrued costs, as determined by the Court;
3. Reasonable attorneys' fees as determined by the Court;
4. An incentive fee of no less than Three Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$3,280.00), which is ten times the amount of the Plaintiff's damages, or such other reasonable amount as may be determined by the Court; and

[Case #2:13-cv-13553-AC-MJH]

REPRESENTED FLAGSTAR BANK IN FORECLOSURE SUIT THAT RESULTED IN HOME BEING LOST

In 2010, Hudson represented Flagstar Bank in a lawsuit filed by two Eastpointe residents who had been foreclosed upon by the bank.

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[Case #2:10-cv-10714-AC-RSW]

Plaintiffs Were Threatened with Foreclosure

According to the complaint in the case, the plaintiffs were threatened with foreclosure.

15. On or about February 1, 2010, Plaintiffs Chambers and Cheeseboro received from Trott, a notice⁴ of mortgage foreclosure sale by advertisement, which stated that on February 26, 2010 at 10:00 a.m., the Macomb County Sheriff will sell the real estate implicated in this litigation to the highest bidder.

[Case #2:10-cv-10714-AC-RSW]

Plaintiffs Asked for Injunction to Prevent Their Home from Being Auctioned

In their complaint, the plaintiffs asked the court to issue an injunction to prevent the defendants from auctioning off their home.

A Preliminary and Permanent Injunction Enjoining and Restraining the Defendants MERS and Flagstar, Trott and Trott, P.C., the Macomb County Sheriff, their agents and assigns, and all persons acting in concert with them from selling at a Public Sale at 10:00 A. M. Friday, February 26, 2010, mortgage premises implicated in this controversy, legally described as Lot 535 Koppkins Half Way-Homes- Subdivision No. 2., as recorded in liber 8, page 10 of Plats, Macomb County Records, more commonly known as 21731 Brittany Ave., Eastpointe, Michigan; and for

[Case #2:10-cv-10714-AC-RSW]

Case Dismissed

The case was dismissed. [Case #2:10-cv-10714-AC-RSW]

Plaintiffs Lost Home

A review of property records for the plaintiffs’ home indicates that it was foreclosed upon in April 2010 and sold in 2011 for \$14,262 to the current property owner.

Sale Date	Sale Price	Instrument	Grantor	Grantee	Terms of Sale	Liber/Page	Comments
04/20/2011	\$14,262.00	CD	HUD	BOBAK, TAYLOR	21-NOT USED	20749/198	TO/FROM FINANCIAL INSTITUTION
02/08/2011	\$1.00	PTA	MACOMB COUNTY SHERIFF	HUD	21-NOT USED		HUD-TO/FROM
11/01/2010	\$1.00	QC	FLAGSTAR BANK	HUD	21-NOT USED	20643/145	HUD-TO/FROM
10/30/2010	\$80,653.00	PTA	MACOMB COUNTY SHERIFF	FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB	21-NOT USED		TO/FROM FINANCIAL INSTITUTION
05/10/2010	\$1.00	QC	MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION	FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB	21-NOT USED	20287/82	TO/FROM FINANCIAL INSTITUTION
04/30/2010	\$80,653.00	SD	MACOMB COUNTY SHERIFF	MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION	21-NOT USED	20255/324	TO/FROM FINANCIAL INSTITUTION
07/30/2008	\$74,000.00	WD	MAGER, GERALD J & BRENDA LEE	CHAMBERS, PRENTISS & CHEESEBORO, V	03-ARM'S LENGTH	19466/155	JTWFRS

[City of Eastpointe BSA Property Database]

Represented Flagstar Bank in Another Foreclosure Suit

In 2010 and 2011, Hudson represented Flagstar Bank in another foreclosure suit. The case against Flagstar was dismissed in 2011. [Case #2:10-cv-12364- AJT-MKM]

Represented Flagstar Bank in Yet Another Foreclosure Suit

In 2010 and 2011, Hudson represented Flagstar Bank in another foreclosure suit. The case against Flagstar was dismissed in 2011. [Case #2:10-cv-12718- LPZ-RSW]

CORONAVIRUS

REPRESENTED EMU IN CASE FILED BY STUDENT OVER ONLINE COURSES, CLOSURE OF STUDENT HOUSING

In 2020, Hudson began representing Eastern Michigan University when a suit over the University’s COVID protocols was sent to the Michigan Court of Appeals.

<p>HORRIGAN KEVIN Plaintiff - Appellant</p> <p>Attorney(s) FINK DAVID H #28235, Retained</p>
<p>EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY Defendant - Appellee</p> <p>Attorney(s) HUDSON PAUL D #69844, Retained</p>

[Michigan Court of Appeals Case #355377]

Student Unsuccessfully Sued University

When Eastern Michigan University moved to online learning and effectively closed its dorms, student Kevin Horrigan sued in the Michigan Court of Claims over fees and other charges that were not refunded.

I. BACKGROUND

Plaintiff is a student at defendant Eastern Michigan University (EMU) who was enrolled during the Winter 2020 semester. On or about March 11, 2020, EMU announced that, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, all classes would transition to online, distance learning for the remainder of the Winter 2020 semester. Also, according to the complaint, defendants instructed students who lived in university-owned housing to move out and to return to their permanent residences if they could do so. Plaintiff alleges that, despite the cancellation of live, in-person instruction, what he describes as the “constructive eviction” of students from on-campus housing, and the cancellation of campus activities, defendants have not offered refunds for tuition, room and board, or fees. And while plaintiff acknowledges that a credit was offered to students who moved out of on-campus housing, he contends that the credit was inadequate compared to the financial losses sustained by students and their families. Plaintiff asserts that it was “responsible” for defendants to make the decisions that they made in cancelling classes, but it is inequitable for them to retain full amounts paid for tuition, fees, and room and board under the circumstances.

[Michigan Court of Claims Case # 20-000075-MK]

Horrigan’s suit was dismissed.

[Michigan Court of Claims Case # 20- 000075-MK]

Horrigan Appealed; Hudson Retained to Represent EMU

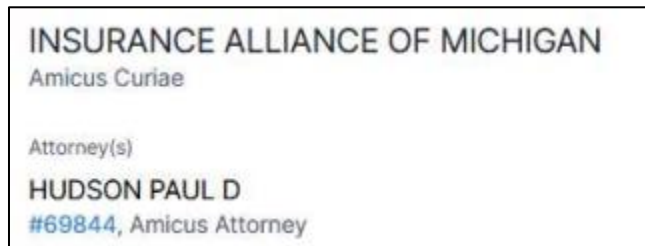
In November 2020, Horrigan took the case to the Michigan Court of Appeals. Hudson was retained to represent Eastern Michigan University. [Michigan Court of Appeals Case #355377]

Case is Ongoing

As of November 8, 2021, the case remains open. [Michigan Court of Appeals Case #355377]

AMICUS ATTORNEY FOR INSURANCE ALLIANCE OF MICHIGAN IN SUIT FILED BY RESTAURANTS FOR INSURANCE COVERAGE OVER COVID SHUTDOWNS

In February 2021, Hudson began serving as an amicus attorney for the Insurance Alliance of Michigan in a suit filed by restaurant operator Gavrilides Management Company, which sought to obtain insurance benefits because of COVID shutdowns.



[Michigan Court of Appeals Case #354418]

Restaurant Group Unsuccessfully Sued Insurer for Benefits after Shutdown Orders; Lower Court Sided with Insurers

In 2020, InsuranceNewsNet.com reported, “In what is believed to be the first ruling on numerous COVID-19 business interruption lawsuits, a Michigan judge sided with an insurer last week. Circuit Court Judge Joyce Draganchuk granted the insurer’s motion for summary disposition in Gavrilides Management Company v. Michigan Insurance Company. Gavrilides owns restaurants in Lansing, Mich. that were shuttered by COVID-19-related government orders. Gavrilides pursued a \$650,000 claim based on the Gov. Gretchen Witmer shutdown orders, which both limited access to the property and reduced the restaurants’ business to carry-out only. The insured sought coverage for business income and extra expense under the policy’s civil authority coverage. Gavrilides did not claim that COVID was on site at the restaurants.” [InsuranceNewsNet.com, 7/6/20]

Restaurant Group Filed Appeal

In February 2021, the Restaurant Law Center reported, “Gavrilides Management Company LLC filed an appeal in response to a Michigan state court ruling that Michigan Insurance Company is not required to cover business interruption losses caused by government shutdown orders, finding that, not only are Gavrilides’ business losses excluded 61 under a virus exclusion in its policy, but that business interruption losses for loss of property are not reimbursable under a policy that covers ‘physical loss or damage.’” [Restaurant Law Center, 2/9/21]

Restaurant Law Center and Michigan Restaurant & Lodging Association Filed Brief on Behalf of Plaintiffs

The Restaurant Law Center and Michigan Restaurant and Lodging Association filed a joint amicus curiae brief in support of the plaintiffs. [Restaurant Law Center, 2/9/21]

Case is Ongoing

This case is ongoing. [Michigan Court of Appeals Case #354418]

DEFENDED CITY OF DEARBORN, COP WHO FATALLY SHOT WOMAN

From 2016 to 2018, Hudson served as the defense attorney for the City of Dearborn and James Wade, a police officer who repeatedly shot and killed 31- year-old Janet Wilson in 2016.

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		James Wade TERMINATED: 12/19/2017 <i>(Defendant)</i>

[Case #2:16-cv-12867-BAF-DRG; CBS62, 2/17/18]

Case Settled for \$1.2 Million

In 2018, CBS 62 reported, “The city of Dearborn agreed to a \$1.25 million settlement in a lawsuit filed by the family of a woman who was fatally shot by police near a shopping mall, according to a document released Thursday. Dearborn Police Officer James Wade repeatedly shot 31-yearold Janet Wilson while she was in her car on a busy street in 2016. Police were pursuing her after a dispute was reported inside and outside Fairlane Mall.” [Case #2:16-cv-12867-BAF-DRG; CBS62, 2/17/18]

HANDLED APPEAL FOR COP CONVICTED OF SEXUALLY ASSAULTING YOUNG GIRL

From 2015 to 2018, Hudson represented Thomas Cupples, a former Ferndale Police Officer who was appealing his conviction for sexually assaulting a girl between the ages of 11 and 13.

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[Case # 2:15-cv-11620-DPH-MKM; MLive.com, 5/27/11]

Officer Convicted of Sexually Assaulting Girl Between the Ages of 11 and 13; Sentenced to Minimum of Six Years in Prison

In 2011, MLive.com reported, “A former Ferndale police officer has been ordered to serve a minimum of about six years in prison for sexually assaulting a girl when she was between the ages of 11 and 13... Charged with two counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, Cupples was convicted earlier this month of two counts of the lesser offense of second-degree criminal sexual conduct.” Cupples also was ordered to have no contact with the victim and wear a tether for the rest of his life once he's released from prison. [MLive.com, 5/27/11]

Appeal Denied

In June 2018, a federal court denied Cupples an appeal. [Case # 2:15-cv11620-DPH-MKM]

HANDLED APPEAL OF MAN CONVICTED OF FIRST-DEGREE MURDER FOR PUSHING WIFE FROM ROOF, DRAGGING HER INTO LAKE

From 2014 to 2019, Hudson served as the attorney for Mark Unger, a Detroit-area man appealing his conviction of first-degree murder for pushing his wife off a roof, then dragging her into a lake. [Case #4:14-cv-11562-MAG-MKM; MLive.com, 7/18/18]

Unger's Unsuccessful Appeal Based on Alleged Ineffective Counsel; Judge Called Evidence Against Him "Overwhelming"

In 2018, MLive.com reported, "A Detroit-area man convicted of killing his wife during a family vacation by pushing her from a boathouse rooftop, then dragging her into a nearby lake, has lost his recent bid for appeal. This means Mark Unger, 57, has likely exhausted his attempts to get a new trial..." [Case #4:14-cv-11562- MAG-MKM; MLive.com, 7/18/18]

According to MLive.com, "In his appeal attempt, Unger claimed his rights were violated because his trial lawyer, whom he labeled as ineffective, did not object when the prosecutor made provocative comments in the courtroom. A federal appeals court rejected Unger's claim, the AP said, calling evidence against him 'overwhelming.'" [MLive.com, 7/18/18]

Unger Convicted of Killing Wife During Family Vacation with Young Sons

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REPRESENTED MAN ACCUSED OF POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

In 2011 and 2012, Hudson represented John Robert Cox, a man charged with possession of child pornography. [2:11-cr-20638-SJM-RSW All Defendants United States of America v. Cox]

Cox Pleaded Guilty, Sentenced to 60 Months in Prison

Cox pleaded guilty to one count of possession of child pornography. 9 He was sentenced to 60 months in a federal prison. [2:11-cr-20638-SJM-RSW All Defendants United States of America v. Cox]

HANDLED UNSUCCESSFUL APPEAL OF CONVICTED MURDERER

In 2011, Hudson began representing Phillip Brown, a man who had been convicted of first-degree murder in 2002. [Case # 2:09-cv-14850-SJM-VMM]

Brown Convicted in Oakland County in 2002

In 2002, Brown was convicted of first-degree murder for death of Randy Pardy and felonious assault of his roommate, Brian Weigold.

Prosecutors alleged that Brown murdered Pardy with a compound bow and a sheath knife, and assaulted Weigold with the knife. [Clarkston News, 3/3/16]

Brown Sentenced to Life in Prison

First-degree murder carries with it a mandatory life prison term without parole. Brown was found guilty and sentenced to life in prison. [Clarkston News, 3/3/16]

Brown Filed Suit in 2009 to Overturn His Conviction

In 2009, Brown filed a pro se petition for writ of habeas corpus, alleging that his constitutional rights had been violated. The suit was filed against Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox and Corrections Director Patricia Caruso. [Case # 2:09-cv-14850-SJM-VMM]

Brown Still in Prison; Hudson Still Listed as Attorney, But No Longer Appears to be Representing Him

Brown's attempts at appeals have been unsuccessful and he remains in prison. While Hudson is still listed as Brown's attorney, Brown's more recent filings (some taking place this year) appear 10 to have been submitted pro se. [Case # 2:09-cv-14850- SJM-VMM]

HANDLED UNSUCCESSFUL APPEAL FOR CONVICTED DRUG DEALER

In 2010 and 2011, Hudson handled the appeal of convicted drug dealer Jason Klees. [Michigan Court of Appeals Case #297310]

Klees Was Sentenced to 7 to 30 Years for Intent to Deliver Cocaine

According to the Michigan Court of Appeals, Klees had been sentenced to "7 to 30 years' imprisonment for the possession with intent to deliver cocaine conviction and four days, time served, for the operating a vehicle with a suspended license conviction." [Michigan Court of Appeals Case #297310]

Conviction Upheld Searches of Vehicle That Led to Drug Conviction

According to the Michigan Court of Appeals, "The trial court did not clearly err when it found that defendant was driving with his headlights off, so it properly found that officers had reasonable suspicion to effectuate the traffic stop. The trial court properly held that the second warrantless search of defendant's vehicle was constitutional under the automobile exception to the warrant requirement. Accordingly, given the constitutionality of the traffic stop and subsequent search of defendant's vehicle, the trial court properly denied defendant's motion to suppress the evidence later recovered." [Michigan Court of Appeals Case #297310]

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EDUCATION

REPRESENTED EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY IN CLAIMS CASE

In March 2021, an individual named Dana Secord filed a lawsuit against Eastern Michigan University. Hudson served as the attorney for Eastern Michigan University.

CASE			
Judicial Officer	Date Filed	Adjudication	Status
GLEICHER, ELIZABETH	3/1/21	SUMMARY DISPOSITION 8/23/21	CLOSED 8/23/21
PARTICIPANTS			
PLAINTIFF 1	SECORD, DANA		FILED: 3/1/21
	ATTY: NICK SUCIU III # 72052 PRIMARY RETAINED		
DEFENDANT 1	EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY		FILED: 3/1/21
	ATTY: PAUL DANIEL HUDSON # 69844 PRIMARY RETAINED		

[Court of Claims Case # 21-000028-MK]

Case Currently Being Heard by Court of Appeals; Hudson Still Representing EMU

While we have not been able to determine the substance of the case, it is currently being heard by the Michigan Court of Appeals. Hudson continues to serve as the attorney for Eastern Michigan. [Court of Appeals Case #358519]

REPRESENTED NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY IN CLAIMS CASE

In March 2021, an individual named Mary Simmons filed a lawsuit against Northern Michigan University in the Michigan Court of Claims.

When the case was sent to the Michigan Court of Appeals, Hudson became the attorney of record for Northern Michigan.

<p>NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES Defendant - Appellee</p> <p>Attorney(s) HUDSON PAUL D #69844, Retained</p>

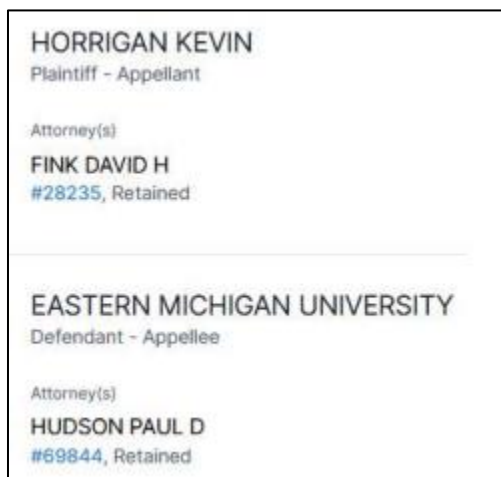
[Court of Appeals Case # 358204]

Case Currently Being Heard by Court of Appeals; Hudson Still Representing NMU

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[Michigan Court of Claims Case # 20-000075-MK]

Horrigan’s suit was dismissed. [Michigan Court of Claims Case # 20- 000075-MK]

Horrigan Appealed; Hudson Retained to Represent EMU

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SUBMITTED AMICUS BRIEF FOR MICHIGAN MANUFACTURING ASSOCIATION IN SUPPORT OF SCHOOL THAT FIRED TEACHER FOR MAKING RACIST STATEMENTS

In 2016, Hudson submitted an amicus brief on behalf of the Michigan Manufacturing Association that supported a charter school that had fired a teacher for making racist remarks in a classroom. [Michigan Supreme Court Case # 150616]



Fired Teacher Sued, Claiming He Was Fired for Being White

The fired teacher had sued, alleging that he had been fired for being white. [Michigan Supreme Court Case # 150616]

Supreme Court Slashed Teacher's Previous Award

In 2016, the Associated Press reported, "The Michigan Supreme Court has thrown out much of a \$535,000 verdict for a white teacher who claimed he was illegally fired for a racial comment at a Flint-area charter school. 72 The court says Craig Hecht presented sufficient evidence of discrimination and can collect \$50,000 for past economic loss. But the court on Tuesday struck down the rest of the award because it was based on improper evidence." [Associated Press, 7/26/16]

Hudson Amicus Brief: School "Acted Appropriately" When it Fired Racist Teacher, Said it Was "An Easy Call"

In his amicus brief on behalf of the Michigan Manufacturers Association, Hudson argued that the National Heritage Academies "acted appropriately and in compliance with federal and state law when it terminated its employee, Craig Hecht, for making racist statements on the job and in front of a classroom full of nine-year-olds. This was, to understate things, an easy call."

From Hudson's amicus brief:

The employer here, National Heritage Academies (NHA), acted appropriately and in compliance with federal and state law when it terminated its employee, Craig Hecht, for making racist statements on the job and in front of a classroom full of nine-year-olds. This was, to understate things, an easy call. The comments were reprehensible: Hecht told his third-graders that “white is better than brown” and that “brown should burn.” He then sought to engage the students in the exchange, asking them, “White is better than brown, right?” The other adults in the room appropriately called foul and reported Hecht to his superiors. Hecht first lied about making the statements, then admitted he did make them, and then tried to get other teachers to lie to cover his tracks. The school, sensibly enough, concluded that making racist statements in front of a classroom full of nine-year-olds, lying about it, and then pressuring colleagues to impede the subsequent investigation were sufficiently severe offenses to warrant termination.

[Hudson Amicus Brief on Behalf of Michigan Manufacturers Association, 1/7/2016]

Hudson: An Employer “Should Not be Subject to a Damages Award for Discrimination When it Acts to Remedy a Potentially Hostile Work Environment...”

In his amicus brief, Hudson argues that the school is being punished for doing the right thing: attempting to remedy a potentially hostile work environment caused by an employee making racist statements on the job.

Properly applying the *McDonnell Douglas* analysis to this case, it becomes readily apparent that Hecht did not present sufficient circumstantial evidence of intentional discrimination to justify the verdict. Simply put, a Michigan employer should not be subject to a damages award for discrimination when it acts to *remedy* a potentially hostile work environment caused by an employee making racist statements on the job.⁵

[Hudson Amicus Brief on Behalf of Michigan Manufacturers Association, 1/7/2016]

REPRESENTED UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN EMPLOYEES SUED BY STUDENT WHO WAS SUSPENDED FOR VIOLATING SEXUAL MISCONDUCT POLICY

From 2014 to 2016, Hudson represented University of Michigan employees who were sued by a student suspended for violating the school’s sexual misconduct policy.

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[Case #2:14-cv-11619-DPH-MJH]

Student Sued University of Michigan Employees After Suspension for Violating University’s Sexual Misconduct Policy

According to Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Acho’s Case Law Update, “This case involves a University of Michigan student (now suspended) who sued several officials employed by the University after he was suspended for violating the University’s Sexual Misconduct Policy... After his first year and before the start of his second year, the Plaintiff was contacted by Cowan, the Equal Opportunity Specialist for the University, regarding an unconfirmed student complaint about him. During the Skype interview, the Plaintiff gleaned that Complaint concerned a sexual encounter between the Plaintiff and a female student.” [Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Acho Case Law Update, 6/11/15]

Plaintiff Claimed He Had Not Been Made Aware of Allegations Against Him

According to Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Acho’s Case Law Update, “The Plaintiff provided detailed information regarding the sexual encounter during the Skype interview. The Plaintiff claims that prior to the interview, he was not provided with a written statement of the allegations nor was he advised verbally of the allegations against him.” [Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Acho Case Law Update, 6/11/15]

Plaintiff Alleged Due Process Violations

According to Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Acho’s Case Law Update, “Subsequently, the Plaintiff received Cowan’s typed summary of the interview and summaries of the witnesses’ statements. The Plaintiff responded

with a document alleging due process violations and concerns about omitted key facts.” [Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Acho Case Law Update, 6/11/15]

Student Suspended

According to Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Acho’s Case Law Update, “Cowan addressed the Plaintiff’s concerns and still issued a draft sexual misconduct report. In response, the Plaintiff pointed out additional due process concerns but a final report was issued finding that the Plaintiff had engaged in sexual intercourse with the female student without her consent. The report and findings were forwarded to other school officials and the Plaintiff was issued a suspension notice through July of 2016.” [Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Acho Case Law Update, 6/11/15]

Settlement Reached That Vacated Conclusions Against Plaintiff

According to the Washington Post, “In a settlement agreement, the University of Michigan ‘will vacate’ its conclusions about Sterrett’s alleged sexual misconduct, ‘rendering those findings null and void.’ The university also agreed that it will not include references to the disciplinary action in Sterrett’s transcript, and that it will not investigate the case further. Sterrett, in turn, agreed not to reapply to the university.” [Washington Post, 9/16/15]

REPRESENTED NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY IN NEGLIGENCE SUIT

In 2018 and 2019, Hudson represented Northern Michigan University in a negligence suit.

The case stemmed from an incident that occurred on April 23, 2015 at the PEIF during a class taught by Peter Bosma, known as RE 251 or Adventure Activities, which involved a student, or plaintiff Petra Pike, formerly known as Petra Hanrahan, the case statement said.

During the class, Bosma instructed his students to use a rock-climbing wall working together, where one student attempted to climb the wall while blindfolded, relying only on verbal instructions provided by the other student on the ground, according to the case. The case document stated that students climbing the rock wall were not provided any safety equipment, such as a harness or helmet, or training. The plaintiff was paired with another student and designated the climber, but the plaintiff allegedly received poor instructions from her partner on the ground, causing her to fall from near the rock wall’s top, striking her head and body on the ground, the case stated.

The Michigan Court of Appeals upheld a Michigan Court of Claims dismissal in the case. [Michigan Court of Appeals #344083; Michigan Supreme Court # 159719]

REPRESENTED COOLEY LAW IN FRAUD CASE

From 2011 to 2013, Hudson served as a defense attorney for the Thomas M. Cooley Law School when it was sued by twelve graduates of the school who alleged misrepresentation of graduates’ employment rates and salaries.

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Case Against Cooley Dismissed

According to the sixthcircuitappellateblog.com in 2013, “The Sixth Circuit on Tuesday upheld the dismissal of claims brought by twelve graduates of Thomas M. Cooley Law School based on Cooley’s alleged misrepresentation of graduates’ employment rates and salaries. (MacDonald v. Thomas M. Cooley Law School) The graduates sought, among other things, partial reimbursement of tuition for a class of graduates that was estimated to exceed \$300,000,000. Cooley is both the largest law school in the country and the least selective in its admissions.” [sixthcircuitappellateblog.com, 8/1/13]

REPRESENTED COOLEY LAW IN DEFAMATION LAWSUIT

In 2011, Hudson represented Cooley Law School in a defamation suit against New York law firm Kurzon Strauss over claims the firm and two of its lawyers falsely claimed on websites that the school misrepresented graduate employment statistics.

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[Case #1:11-cv-00844-RJJ]

According to Bloomberg, “Jesse Strauss, a Kurzon partner, along with attorney David Anziska, posted false statements on websites to ‘incite’ the readers and to ‘troll’ for plaintiffs for a purported class-action lawsuit against Cooley, according to the school’s complaint filed yesterday in state court in Lansing, Michigan.” [Bloomberg, 7/15/11]

In 2013, a federal judge dismissed the suit. [Case #1:11-cv-00844-RJJ]

FAMILY LAW

REPRESENTED DAVIDSON SIBLINGS WHO SUED WHEN THEY WEREN’T ABLE TO TAKE MONEY OUT OF THEIR TRUST TO COVER GIFT TAXES

In 2019, Hudson represented Marla and Ethan Davidson, the children of the late Bill Davidson, when they appealed the denial of their suit to require their trust to pay the value of gift taxes they were required to pay for transferring property from their trusts. [Michigan Court of Appeals Case #351368]

Appeals Court Ruled Against Siblings

In January 2021, the Court of Appeals ruled against Hudson’s clients, writing, “the probate court did not err when it determined that, under the terms of the trust agreements, the trustees were not required to reimburse Marla and Ethan for the amount of their unified credits spent in satisfaction of the federal gift tax associated with the transfers made by Marla and by Ethan.” [Michigan Court of Appeals Case #351368]

INVOLVED IN CONTESTED WILL CASE

In January 2017, Hudson served as an attorney for relatives of Bobby Mardigian of Charlevoix County in a case before the Michigan Supreme Court. Mardigian left \$16 million to Mark Papazian, who prepared his will, and Papazian's two sons.

The will was being challenged by Mardigian's relatives, who received nothing. Hudson told the Supreme Court that the gifts should be set aside. [Bay City Times, 1/12/17]

ELECTION LAW

FILED AMICUS BRIEF ON BEHALF OF MICHIGAN MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION ARGUING FOR TIGHTER RESTRICTIONS ON BALLOT INITIATIVES

In 2020, Hudson filed an amicus brief on behalf of the Michigan Manufacturers Association in a lawsuit filed by the Michigan League of Women Voters against the Michigan Secretary of State. [Michigan Supreme Court Case #160907]

League of Women Voters Filed Suit to Block Law Restricting Ballot Initiatives

In 2019, the Michigan League of Women Voters filed suit against the Michigan Secretary of State following the signing of House Bill 6595, a bill to tighten restrictions on ballot measures. [Michigan Court of Claims Case #19-000092-MZ]

The bill:

- Places a proportionality requirement on the signatures those seeking to put a measure on the ballot must collect. Under existing law, groups had to just meet a statewide threshold, but the new law would make it so no more than 15 percent of signatures could come from any one congressional district.
- Required a 100-word summary of the proposal for voters to review upon signing.
- Required signature circulators to file signed affidavits indicating whether they're volunteering or getting paid for their time. Circulators who misrepresent themselves under the legislation would be subject to a misdemeanor penalty. [MLive.com, 12/28/18]

Court of Appeals Issued Opinion That Law was Unconstitutional

According to Fraser Trebilcock, "On January 27, 2020, the Michigan Court of Appeals issued its published decision addressing the constitutional challenges to 2018 PA 608 in the consolidated cases of League of Women Voters, et al. v Jocelyn Benson and Senate and House of Representatives v Jocelyn Benson. (Court of Appeals Docket Nos. 350938 and 351073) In an Opinion written by Judge Deborah Servitto and joined by Judge Michael Gadola, the Court affirmed the decision of Court of Claims Judge Cynthia Stephens holding that the new 15% limitation on petition signatures collected from any single congressional district and the new requirement that petitions include a check box identifying the circulator as a paid or volunteer circulator are unconstitutional and therefore cannot be enforced. The Court of Appeals also agreed with the League of Women Voters and the Secretary of State that the new requirement for paid circulators to file an affidavit identifying themselves as paid circulators before circulating petitions is also unconstitutional and therefore cannot be enforced, reversing Judge Stephens' decision to the contrary." [Fraser Trebilcock, 1//29/20]

Hudson Brief for MMA Argued Legislature's Restrictions on Initiatives Were Constitutional

The MMA brief written by Hudson argued that the law restricting initiatives was constitutional and urged the Michigan Supreme Court to reverse the Michigan Appeals Court's decision to the contrary.

The MMA has a strong interest in promoting a healthy business climate in Michigan, and the foundation for that is a healthy legal system. Michigan’s constitution does not envision pure, unchecked direct democracy. The MMA believes that is for the best, and believes that the people of Michigan were wise to allow their elected representatives to enact sensible rules governing the petition process. Their elected representatives enacted PA 608 here, and the MMA submits that this was well within the bounds of the constitution. The MMA urges this Court to reverse the Court of Appeals’ decision to the contrary. The MMA further urges the Court to allow the Legislature to participate fully in this case, to ensure that all sides of important issues like these are heard, in this case and in the future.

[Michigan Manufacturers Association Amicus Brief in Michigan Supreme Court Case # 160908]

Supreme Court Remanded Case to Lower Courts for Dismissal

In an opinion ending the case, the Michigan Supreme Court wrote, “Finally, in light of this analysis, we affirm on alternative grounds the Court of Appeals’ holding that the Legislature has no standing in its case against the Secretary of State, Docket No. 160908. Accordingly, we remand both cases to the trial court so they can be dismissed.” [Michigan Supreme Court Case # 160908]

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

DEFENDED CITY OF DETROIT IN CLASS ACTION SUIT OVER DRAINAGE CHARGES

In 2016 and 2017, Hudson served as an attorney for the City of Detroit when it was sued in a class action alleging that the City’s Water and Sewerage Department imposed disproportionate drainage charges on a particular subset of the city’s property owners.



The complaint in the case claimed that the charges were made to raise revenue and did not reflect the actual cost of providing drainage. It contended that they are unlawful under the Headlee Amendment to the Michigan Constitution, that they violate equal protection guarantees, and that the city should make refunds. [Michigan Court of Appeals Case #335054; Michigan Court of Appeals Case #335052]

Case Settled for \$30 Million

Under a settlement agreement, the City of Detroit agreed to set aside nearly \$30 million to settle a class action alleging that its Water and Sewerage Department imposed disproportionate drainage charges on a particular subset of the city’s property owners. [Michigan Court of Appeals Case #335054; Michigan Court of Appeals Case #335052]

FILED AMICUS BRIEF ON BEHALF OF MICHIGAN MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION IN DOW CHEMICAL POLLUTER CASE

During a case seeking to hold Dow Chemical accountable for dioxin pollution, Hudson submitted an amicus brief on behalf of the Michigan Manufacturers Association.



[Michigan Court of Appeals Case #328716; Michigan Supreme Court Case #156128]

NOTE: While it is reasonable to assume that Hudson’s amicus brief argued in favor of Dow Chemical’s position in the suit, we have requested a copy of the amicus brief filed by Hudson on behalf of the Michigan Manufacturers Association.

Case Brought by Property Owners Who Alleged Dow Had Polluted Their Property

According to the Michigan League of Conservation Voters, “In 2000, soil samples in the Tittabawasee flood plain indicated the presence of dioxin, a hazardous chemical that can cause a variety of serious health problems. After testing, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (“MDEQ”) determined that the likely source of the dioxin was the Dow Chemical Company’s (“Dow”) Midland Plant, which had first started releasing dioxins back in the 1970s. Gary Henry, joined by other members, sued Dow for property damage.” [Michigan League of Conservation Voters, “Dioxin Pollution in the Tittabawasee Flood Plain”]

Dow Successfully Had Case Dismissed Due to Expiration of Statute of Limitations; Property Owners Appealed

According to the Michigan League of Conservation Voters, “Dow moved for summary disposition based on the fact that the plaintiffs did not meet the statute of limitations* in filing their complaint. The circuit court denied Dow’s motion for summary disposition, a decision which the Michigan Court of Appeals later affirmed.” [Michigan League of Conservation Voters, “Dioxin Pollution in the Tittabawasee Flood Plain”]

Supreme Court Ruled in Dow’s Favor

According to the Michigan League of Conservation Voters, “In a unanimous decision, the Michigan Supreme Court then reversed the decision, ruling that the statute of limitations began to run when the harm was done, in the 1970s, not when the plaintiff discovered the harm.” [Michigan League of Conservation Voters, “Dioxin Pollution in the Tittabawasee Flood Plain”]

LCV: Opinion Could Prevent Property Owners From Being Able to Sue When They Learn About Pollution

According to the Michigan League of Conservation Voters, “This opinion hinders the ability for plaintiffs to seek damages for environmental contamination. The opinion could prevent property owners across the state from being able to bring lawsuits if they learn about legacy pollution on their properties far after the actual pollution entered their property.” [Michigan League of Conservation Voters, “Dioxin Pollution in the Tittabawasee Flood Plain”]

FILED AMICUS BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF ENBRIDGE FOR MICHIGAN MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

During a case seeking to hold Enbridge for its spill in Kalamazoo County, Hudson submitted an amicus brief on behalf of the Michigan Manufacturers Association in support of Enbridge.



[Michigan Supreme Court Case # 151600]

Plaintiff Alleged He'd Been Injured by Toxic Fumes from Spill

According to Warner Norcross & Judd, "Plaintiff Chance Lowery alleged he was injured as a result of toxic fumes from a July 26, 2010, Enbridge Energy oil spill into Talmadge Creek and the Kalamazoo River." [Warner Norcross & Judd, 4/4/16]

Trial Court Ruled Enbridge Was Negligent, But Plaintiff Hadn't Established Cause of Injuries

According to Warner Norcross & Judd, "At trial, the plaintiff's medical expert determined his injuries, including an arterial rupture, were due to exposure to the toxic fumes, but the expert based his opinion solely on a review of the medical records without ever examining Lowery. The trial court granted plaintiff's motion for partial summary disposition under MCR 2.116(C)(10) on the issue of negligent operation of the oil pipeline, but also granted summary disposition to defendant for the plaintiff's failure to establish a direct link between the exposure to fumes and his arterial rupture." [Warner Norcross & Judd, 4/4/16]

Appeals Court Reversed Trial Court Decision

According to Warner Norcross & Judd, "The Court of Appeals reversed the trial court's decision and reasoned that a plaintiff is permitted to prove his case through circumstantial evidence, and in this instance, there are multiple plausible explanations for plaintiff's injury. Therefore, the court concluded that there was enough circumstantial evidence to create a genuine issue of material fact to be resolved by a jury." [Warner Norcross & Judd, 4/4/16]

Michigan Supreme Court Ruled in Favor of Enbridge

In 2017, Fox 17 reported, "The Michigan Supreme Court has ruled in favor of Enbridge Energy in a dispute over whether a disastrous oil spill caused a man's health problems. Chance Lowery says he suffered coughing, headaches and vomiting when he was exposed to fumes from the heavy crude in Calhoun County in 2010. He says those problems led to a ruptured artery. A doctor who didn't personally examine Lowery blames the oil spill. But the Supreme Court said Tuesday that Lowery can't link his health problems to fumes through speculation or conjecture." [Fox 17, 7/26/17]

Hudson's Brief Clearly Supported Enbridge

A review of the brief submitted by Hudson on behalf of the Michigan Manufacturers Association clearly indicates that the brief was written in support of Enbridge's position in the suit.

From Hudson's brief:

Statement of Questions Presented

I. Is a plaintiff in a toxic-tort case required to present expert testimony regarding general and specific causation?

Plaintiff-Appellee answers no.

Defendant-Appellant answers yes.

The Court of Appeals answered no.

Amicus curiae the Michigan Manufacturers Association (MMA) answers yes.

II. Did the plaintiff here sufficiently establish causation to avoid summary disposition under MCR 2.116(C)(10)?

Plaintiff-Appellee answers yes.

Defendant-Appellant answers no.

The Court of Appeals answered yes.

The MMA answers no.

[Michigan Supreme Court Case # 151600]

FILED AMICUS BRIEF ON BEHALF OF MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE IN SUITS AGAINST DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

In 2011, Hudson filed a brief on behalf of the Michigan Municipal League in a case filed by the City of Riverview and other municipalities against the Department of Environmental Quality.



[Michigan Supreme Court Case #147924; 14792]

Cases Stemmed from DEQ Implementation of Storm Water Program

According to the Michigan Court of Appeals, the case arises from the Department of Environmental Quality's "issuance of National Pollution Discharge Elimination Permits for (NPDES) for storm water discharges from municipal separate storm sewer system. Plaintiffs filed administrative challenges to those permits, and this litigation alleging arbitrary and capricious conduct, statutory and administrative rule violations, and violation of the Headlee Amendment." [Michigan Court of Appeals Case #302903]

Filed Amicus Brief on Behalf of Michigan Municipal League in Related Suits Against Department of Environmental Quality

In 2011, Hudson filed a brief on behalf of the Michigan Municipal League in a case filed by the City of Novi and other municipalities against the Department of Environmental Quality. [Michigan Supreme Court Case #147928; 147925]

Filed Amicus Brief on Behalf of Michigan Municipal League in Related Suit Against Department of Environmental Quality

In 2011, Hudson filed a brief on behalf of the Michigan Municipal League in a case filed by the City of Gibraltar and other municipalities against the Department of Environmental Quality. [Michigan Supreme Court Case #147926; 147929]

INSURANCE

AMICUS ATTORNEY FOR INSURANCE ALLIANCE OF MICHIGAN IN SUIT FILED BY RESTAURANTS FOR INSURANCE COVERAGE OVER COVID SHUTDOWNS

In February 2021, Hudson began serving as an amicus attorney for the Insurance Alliance of Michigan in a suit filed by restaurant operator Gavrilides Management Company, which sought to obtain insurance benefits because of COVID shutdowns.



[Michigan Court of Appeals Case #354418]

Restaurant Group Unsuccessfully Sued Insurer for Benefits after Shutdown Orders; Lower Court Sided with Insurers

In 2020, InsuranceNewsNet.com reported, "In what is believed to be the first ruling on numerous COVID-19 business interruption lawsuits, a Michigan judge sided with an insurer last week. Circuit Court Judge Joyce Draganchuk granted the insurer's motion for summary disposition in Gavrilides Management Company v. Michigan Insurance Company. Gavrilides owns restaurants in Lansing, Mich. that were shuttered by COVID-19-related government orders. Gavrilides pursued a \$650,000 claim based on the Gov. Gretchen Witmer shutdown orders, which both limited access to the property and reduced the restaurants' business to carry-out only. The insured sought coverage for business income and extra expense under the policy's civil authority coverage. Gavrilides did not claim that COVID was on site at the restaurants." [InsuranceNewsNet.com, 7/6/20]

Restaurant Group Filed Appeal

In February 2021, the Restaurant Law Center reported, "Gavrilides Management Company LLC filed an appeal in response to a Michigan state court ruling that Michigan Insurance Company is not required to cover business interruption losses caused by government shutdown orders, finding that, not only are Gavrilides' business losses excluded under a virus exclusion in its policy, but that business interruption losses for loss of property are not reimbursable under a policy that covers 'physical loss or damage.'" [Restaurant Law Center, 2/9/21]

Restaurant Law Center and Michigan Restaurant & Lodging Association Filed Brief on Behalf of Plaintiffs

The Restaurant Law Center and Michigan Restaurant and Lodging Association filed a joint amicus curiae brief in support of the plaintiffs. [Restaurant Law Center, 2/9/21]

Case is Ongoing

This case is ongoing. [Michigan Court of Appeals Case #354418]

REPRESENTED STATE FARM IN NO-FAULT AUTO INSURANCE CASE

Hudson is represented State Farm Insurance in a No-Fault Automobile Insurance case at both the circuit and appeals court levels.

STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY Defendant - Appellant Attorney(s) HUDSON PAUL D #69844, Retained

[Michigan Court of Appeals Case No. COA 358267]

Case Originally Filed in Wayne County

An individual named Hannah Darling filed suit against State Farm Insurance in 2020 in Wayne County Circuit Court after an auto accident. [Case No. 20-003161-NF]

Health Care Providers are Co-Plaintiffs

In the Michigan Court of Appeals, Medical Rehabilitation Physicians and Michigan Spine and Pain are intervenors for the plaintiff. [Michigan Court of Appeals Case No. COA 358267]

Case Scheduled for a Settlement Conference in 2022

A settlement conference has been scheduled for February 2022. [Case No. 20-003161-NF]

REPRESENTED STATE FARM IN ANOTHER NO-FAULT AUTO INSURANCE CASE

Hudson represented State Farm Insurance in a No-Fault Automobile Insurance case at both the circuit and appeals court levels.

Case Originally Filed in Wayne County

An individual named Karen Bellmore filed suit against State Farm Insurance and Friendly Oil Change in 2020 in Wayne County Circuit Court after an auto accident. [Case No. 20-010926-NF]

Hudson Represented State Farm in Appeals Court

Hudson served as State Farm's attorney when the case was sent to the Michigan Appeals Court. [Michigan Court of Appeals Case #357660]

Case Scheduled for a Settlement Conference in December 2021

A settlement conference has been scheduled for December 2021. [Case No. 20-010926-NF]

PREVIOUSLY REPRESENTED STATE FARM IN NO-FAULT AUTO INSURANCE CASE

In October 2019, Hudson served as an attorney for State Farm in a no-fault auto insurance case before the Michigan Supreme Court.

The case occurred after changes had been made to the auto insurance law by Governor Whitmer and the Legislature.

State Farm was at the Michigan Supreme Court battling a lawsuit brought by the Flint medical clinic of neurosurgeon Jawad A. Shah over a disputed medical bill for treatment of an injured motorist.

State Farm's lawsuit revolved around a case law dispute the Legislature and Whitmer had cleared up by giving medical providers the right to directly sue no-fault auto insurance carriers over medical services rendered.

A Michigan Supreme Court ruling in 2017, in a case involving State Farm and Covenant Medical Center in Saginaw, made it harder for medical providers to sue insurers for nonpayment for services rendered.

For about two years, hospitals, pain-management doctors and rehabilitation centers were required to get each injured driver to assign their right to sue insurers to the medical provider. [Crain's Detroit Business, 10/7/19]

State Farm Sued 440 Times in Oakland County by Motorists, Medical Providers

The Covenant decision caused a major shift in medical provider lawsuits against insurance companies from Wayne County to Oakland County, where judges had been more receptive to hearing the lawsuits.

In 2018, State Farm was sued 440 times in Oakland County by injured motorists and medical providers – more lawsuits than were filed against all insurers in Oakland County in 2011, court records showed.

The two public acts Whitmer signed in May 2019 restored the right of medical providers to sue without involving the patient starting in June 2019, but the legal battles were still clogging up the courts. [Crain's Detroit Business, 10/7/19]

State Farm Faced 2,000 Lawsuits Overall in Michigan

State Farm, the state's largest no-fault carrier, had 2,000 pending lawsuits across the state that were subject to the Covenant decision, said Hudson, an attorney for State Farm and head of the appeals group at Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone PLC.

"Providers have to overcome anti-assignment provisions to have a viable cause of action," Hudson said during oral arguments Tuesday before the Michigan Supreme Court.

Shah's lawsuit against State Farm challenged a clause in the insurer's contracts with motorists that prohibited them from assigning their right to sue to medical providers.

"All we ask the court to do is to enforce State Farm's assignment clause as written – and as written, it bars the plaintiffs' assignments here," Hudson told the justices. [Crain's Detroit Business, 10/7/19]

State Farm Earlier Proposed "Solution" Failing to Mention Anti-Assignment Clause

During the 2017 court fight in the Covenant case, State Farm's attorneys had proposed a "solution" that injured drivers be allowed to assign their first-party lawsuit rights to their doctors without disclosing that the insurer's policies had prohibited assignment of rights since 2010, said Shah's attorney, Jonathan A. Green of Green & Green PLLC in Farmington Hills.

Shah's lawsuit asked the Michigan Supreme Court to declare State Farm's anti-assignment clause illegal.

"The whole issue of assignments was a creation of State Farm," Green said during oral arguments before the high court. "... They made arguments to this court knowing that this is what their policy was. They didn't say, 'Well, you can get assignments, but we're not going to allow it.'" [Crain's Detroit Business, 10/7/19]

Hudson: Anti-Assignment Clause Sought to Reduce Lawsuits

The anti-assignment clauses in State Farm’s no-fault plans sought to “limit State Farm’s relationship to just our insured” motorists in an effort to prevent multiple medical providers from filing multiple lawsuits over the same injured driver’s medical care, Hudson said. “And that means, our insured won’t be able to piecemeal assigned medical bills,” Hudson said. [Crain’s Detroit Business, 10/7/19]

Opposing Attorney: “Pay the Claim” to Reduce Lawsuits

During Green’s oral arguments, Justice Megan Cavanagh questioned whether allowing injured motorists to assign their claims to any medical providers creates “increased costs to having to defend multiple provider suits in multiple jurisdictions.”

“That is a cost to the insurance company to retain counsel and defend in multiple venues,” Cavanagh said.

“The other way to avoid the issue, frankly, is to pay the claim,” said Green, whose client filed at least 30 lawsuits in Oakland County in 2018 against 14 different auto insurance companies. “... The objection seems to be that they’re being called out to do what they were contracted to do – to pay the claim.”

“If they’re not paying the claim, they get sued,” Green added. [Crain’s Detroit Business, 10/7/19]

HUDSON IS EFFECTIVELY IN-HOUSE COUNSEL FOR STATE FARM INSURANCE, REPRESENTING COMPANY IN AT LEAST 85 OTHER STATE CASES...

In addition to the cases noted above, Hudson has effectively served as house counsel for State Farm Insurance, handling at least 85 other cases for the insurance company besides those discussed earlier in this section.

Case	Hudson Client	Case Type	Lower Court Case Number	Higher Court Case Number	Final Disposition
Thikra Slaiwa V State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance	State Farm	No Fault Auto Insurance	Macomb Circuit 2018-002255-NF	Court Of Appeals #358201	Closed / Settled
Kendra Antonides V State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance	State Farm	No Fault Auto Insurance	Macomb Circuit 2019-001759-NF	Court Of Appeals #358168	Closed / Settled
John Covington V Kevin Germaine Robinson	State Farm	Personal Injury, Auto Negligence	Wayne Circuit 20-009745-NI	Court Of Appeals #357901	Open
New Horizon Chiropractic Pllc V State Farm Mutual Auto	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Wayne Circuit 20-001258-NF	Court Of Appeals #357148	Open
Belabbas Ouelhaci V State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Wayne Circuit 18-012765-NF	Court Of Appeals #357104	Open
Tonya Denise Walker V State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance	State Farm	Personal Injury, Auto Negligence	Wayne Circuit 19-003107-NI	Court Of Appeals #357056	Closed / Settled

Roderic Williams V State Farm Automobile Insurance Company	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Wayne Circuit 17-010600-NF	Court Of Appeals #356836	Open
Davion Dotson V Artejah Howard	State Farm	Auto Insurance	Kalamazoo Circuit 2020-000204-NI	Court Of Appeals #356836	Open
Harris Cheema V Progressive Marathon Insurance Company	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Wayne Circuit 19-003321-NF	Court Of Appeals #355910	Open
Joshep Darrough V State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance	State Farm	Personal Injury, Auto Negligence	Wayne Circuit 19-006733-NI	Court Of Appeals #355844	Open
Basman Ibrahim V Dahir A Bootan	State Farm	Personal Injury, Auto Negligence	Monroe Circuit 20-143231-NI	Court Of Appeals #355705	Closed / Settled
State Farm Automobile Ins Company V Protective Ins Company	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Ingham Circuit 19-000629-NF	Court Of Appeals #355532	Open
Estate Of Nicole Yvette Reid V Wardell Council	State Farm	Personal Injury, Auto Negligence	Wayne Circuit 18-015918-NI	Court Of Appeals #355062	Open
Estate Of John Perry V State Farm Automobile Insurance Co	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Wayne Circuit 19-011318-NF	Court Of Appeals #355038	Closed / Settled
Maurika Jones V State Farm Automobile Insurance Company	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Wayne Circuit 18-005418-NF	Court Of Appeals #353668	Open
Ollah Hider V State Farm Automobile Insurance Company	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Macomb Circuit 2018-001105-NF	Court Of Appeals #353166; MSC #163237	Closed / Settled
Vhs Of Michigan Inc V State Farm Automobile Insurance Co	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Oakland Circuit 2019-174743-NF	Court Of Appeals #352881	Closed / Settled
Northland Radiology Inc V State Farm Auto Insurance Co	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Oakland Circuit 2019-172926-NF	Court Of Appeals #352832	Closed / Settled
Nadwah Harbi V State Farm Automobile Insurance Company	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Wayne Circuit 17-015885-NF	Court Of Appeals #352139; MSC #162676	Closed / Settled
Malek Hmeidan V State Farm Automobile Insurance Company	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Wayne Circuit 15-007238-NF	Court Of Appeals #351670	Open
Nadia Ali V State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	St. Clair Circuit 17-002470-NF	Court Of Appeals #351455	Closed / Settled
Jawad A Shah Md Pc V State Farm Automobile Insurance Co	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Oakland Circuit 2018-170783-NF	Court Of Appeals #351156; MSC #162345	Closed / Settled
Physiatry & Rehab Associates V State Farm Mutual Auto Ins Co	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Oakland Circuit 2018-169282-NF	Court Of Appeals #351056	Closed / Settled

Physiatry And Rehab Associates V State Farm Auto Insurance	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Oakland Circuit 2019-171087-NF	Court Of Appeals #350826	Closed / Settled
Nationwide Mutual Fire Insurance Company V John Gary Best Jr	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Cass Circuit 18-000100-NF	Court Of Appeals #350558; MSC #162336	Closed / Settled
Progressive Michigan Ins Co V State Farm Mutual Auto Ins Co	State Farm	General Civil	St. Joseph Circuit 18-000843-CZ	Court Of Appeals #350515	Closed / Settled
Dawn Mcmillen V State Farm Automobile Insurance Company	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Oakland Circuit 2018-164496-NF	Court Of Appeals #350350	Closed / Settled
Executive Ambulatory Surgical Center V State Farm Auto Ins	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Oakland Circuit 2019-171727-NF	Court Of Appeals #349943	Closed / Settled
Jeffrey Lovely V State Farm Automobile Insurance Company	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Bay Circuit 17-003478-NF	Court Of Appeals #349841	Closed / Settled
Dearborn Pain Specialists Plc V State Farm Auto Insurance	State Farm	General Civil	Oakland Circuit 2018-169639-CZ	Court Of Appeals #349808	Closed / Settled
Daniel John Mccarthy V Liam Paul-Clark Docherty	State Farm	Personal Injury, Auto Negligence	Oakland Circuit 2018-164050-NI	Court Of Appeals #348072	Closed / Settled
Moustafa Nasser V State Farm Automobile Insurance Company	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Macomb Circuit 2018-002491-NF	Court Of Appeals #347431	Closed / Settled
Andrea Ellington V Davon Diaz	State Farm	Personal Injury, Auto Negligence	Wayne Circuit 17-011446-NI	Court Of Appeals #347384	Closed / Settled
Pioneer State Mutual Insurance Company V Vanetta Wright	State Farm	General Civil	Macomb Circuit 2015-002978-CZ	Court Of Appeals #347072; MSC #161159	Closed / Settled
Nadwah Harbi V State Farm Automobile Insurance Company	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Wayne Circuit 17-015885-NF	Court Of Appeals #346362	Closed / Settled
Nadwah Harbi V State Farm Automobile Insurance Company	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Wayne Circuit 17-015885-NF	Court Of Appeals #345924 ; MSC #159608	Closed / Settled
Jawad A Shah Md Pc V State Farm Automobile Insurance Co	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Oakland Circuit 2018-166158-NF	Court Of Appeals #345661	Closed / Settled
Ilene Ferris V State Farm Automobile Insurance Company	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Wayne Circuit 17-015351-NF	Court Of Appeals #345579	Closed / Settled
Rite Way Rehab Inc V State Farm Automobile Insurance Co	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Oakland Circuit 2018-165696-NF	Court Of Appeals #345424	Closed / Settled
Physiatry And Rehab Associates V State Farm Mutual Insurance	State Farm	General Civil	Oakland Circuit 2017-161363-CZ	Court Of Appeals #344154	Closed / Settled

Southeast Michigan Surgical Hospital V State Farm Auto Ins	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Oakland Circuit 2017-160299-NF	Court Of Appeals #343991	Closed / Settled
Harold Hogan V State Farm Automobile Insurance Company	State Farm	Personal Injury, Auto Negligence	Wayne Circuit 16-010956-NI	Court Of Appeals #343654; MSC #160035	Closed / Settled
Noelle Milton V State Farm Automobile Insurance Company	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Washtenaw Circuit 17-000103-NF	Court Of Appeals #343381	Closed / Settled
Team Rehabilitation W2 V State Farm Auto Insurance Co	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Oakland Circuit 2017-160947-NF	Court Of Appeals #343005; MSC #159718	Closed / Settled
Dorothy Kirkland V John Doe	State Farm	Personal Injury, Auto Negligence	Wayne Circuit 17-000671-NI	Court Of Appeals #342912	Closed / Settled
American Anesthesia Assoc Llc V State Farm Auto Insurance	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Oakland Circuit 2017-160725-NF	Court Of Appeals #342767; MSC #160192	Closed / Settled
Bernard Davis V Farmers Insurance Exchange	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Wayne Circuit 16-009205-NF	Court Of Appeals #342684	Closed / Settled
Omega Rehab Services Llc V State Farm Automobile Ins Co	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Wayne Circuit 16-014980-NF	Court Of Appeals #342067; MSC #159513	Closed / Settled
Marija Sabados V State Farm Automobile Insurance Company	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Wayne Circuit 17-005766-NF	Court Of Appeals #342088; MSC #159437	Closed / Settled
Back In Motion Chiropractic Dc Pllc V State Farm Auto Ins Co	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Wayne Circuit 17-002778-NF	Court Of Appeals #341886; MSC #160019	Closed / Settled
Vhs Of Michigan Inc V State Farm Automobile Insurance Co	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Wayne Circuit 17-005488-NF	Court Of Appeals # 341814	Closed / Settled
Spine Specialists Of Mi Pc V State Farm Mut Automobile Ins Co	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Wayne Circuit 17-012127-NF	Court Of Appeals #341753	Closed / Settled
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Walter Hamilton V Mushtaq Amoneel Bolis	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Wayne Circuit 16-011813-NF	Court Of Appeals #341445	Closed / Settled
Mi Spine & Brain Surgeons V State Farm Auto Insurance Co	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Oakland Circuit 2017-160036-NF	Court Of Appeals #341407; MSC #159702	Closed / Settled
Lucia Zamorano Md Plc V State Farm Auto Insurance Co	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Wayne Circuit 17-000744-NF	Court Of Appeals #341327; MSC #159558	Closed / Settled
Advanced Surgery Center V State Farm Automobile Insurance	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Oakland Circuit 2017-159452-NF	Court Of Appeals #341073	Closed / Settled
Fannie Walton V Susan Mcknight	State Farm	Personal Injury, 96	Wayne Circuit 15-014359-NI	Court Of Appeals #340992	Closed / Settled

Associated Surgical Ctr Pllc V State Farm Automobile Ins Co	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Wayne Circuit 17-006831-NF	Court Of Appeals #340816; MSC #160265	Closed / Settled
Insight Institute Of Neurosurgery & Neuroscience V State Farm	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Wayne Circuit 16-005469-NF	Court Of Appeals #340702	Closed / Settled
Omega Rehab Services Llc V State Farm Automobile Ins Co	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Wayne Circuit 16-014980-NF	Court Of Appeals #340704	Closed / Settled
Harold Hogan V Kora Mominee-Burke	State Farm	Personal Injury, Auto Negligence	Wayne Circuit 16-010956-NI	Court Of Appeals #340562	Closed / Settled
Jawad A Shah Md Pc V State Farm Automobile Insurance Co	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Genesee Circuit 17-108637-NF	Court Of Appeals #340370; MSC #157951	Closed / Settled
Joseph Hoff V State Farm Mutual Auto Insurance Co	State Farm	Personal Injury, Auto Negligence	Macomb Circuit 2016-003950-NI	Court Of Appeals #340159	Closed / Settled
Hassan Hammoud Md Pc V State Farm Automobile Insurance Co	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Wayne Circuit 16-000229-NF	Court Of Appeals #339935	Closed / Settled
Insight Institute Of Neurosurgery & Neuroscience V State Farm	State Farm	Other Personal Injury	Wayne Circuit 16-014761-NO	Court Of Appeals #339740; MSC #158797	Closed / Settled
Memberselect Insurance Co V State Farm Automobile Ins Co	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Wayne Circuit 15-013103-NF	Court Of Appeals #339163	Closed / Settled
Malek Hmeidani V State Farm Automobile Insurance Company	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Wayne Circuit 15-007238-NF	Court Of Appeals #338707	Closed / Settled
Willis Henderson V State Farm Automobile Insurance Company	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Wayne Circuit 15-007376-NF	Court Of Appeals #338349	Closed / Settled
Michael Anthony Sappington V John Shoemake	State Farm	Personal Injury, Auto Negligence	Wayne Circuit 15-009836-NI	Court Of Appeals #337994; Msc #158823	Closed / Settled
Keith Dumas V State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Wayne Circuit 13-012296-NF	Court Of Appeals #336994	Closed / Settled
Gregory Mills V Great American Assurance Company	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Wayne Circuit 16-004607-NF	Court Of Appeals #336870	Closed / Settled
Mario Yousif V State Farm Automobile Insurance Company	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Wayne Circuit 15-010795-NF	Court Of Appeals #336791	Closed / Settled
Tatjana Zdravkoski V State Farm Automobile Insurance Co	State Farm	Contracts	Oakland Circuit 2015-149409-CK	Court Of Appeals #335260	Closed / Settled

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Bart Daugherty V State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Wayne Circuit 14-010871-NF	Court Of Appeals #332019	Closed / Settled
Terence Williams V State Farm Automobile Insurance Company	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Wayne Circuit 13-002032-NF	Court Of Appeals #329766	Closed / Settled
Spine Specialists Of Michigan Pc V State Farm Insurance Co	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Wayne Circuit 14-011030-NF	Court Of Appeals #327997	Closed / Settled
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Naketta Ward V State Farm Automobile Insurance Company	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Wayne Circuit 14-005067-NF	Court Of Appeals #327018	Closed / Settled
Naketta Ward V Porcha Woodruff	State Farm	Personal Injury, Auto Negligence	Wayne Circuit 13-015965-NI	Court Of Appeals #328527	Closed / Settled
Felecia Hensley-Panicaccia V State Farm Automobile Ins Co	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Washtenaw Circuit 13-000274-NF	Court Of Appeals #325969	Closed / Settled
Jessica A Dillon V State Farm Automobile Insurance Company	State Farm	No-Fault Automobile Insurance	Isabella Circuit 2012-010464-NF	Court Of Appeals #324902; MSC #153936	Closed / Settled
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... And At Least Four Federal Cases

Hudson has represented State Farm in at least four federal cases.

Case	Hudson Client	Case No.	Final Disposition
Goodman et al v. State Farm Fire and Casualty Company	State Farm	2:2012cv13385	Remanded to Wayne Circuit Court
Turek Enterprises, Inc. v. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company et al	State Farm	2:2016cv12867	Case dismissed
Massengale v. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company et al	State Farm	2:18-cv-11366-TGB-APP	Ongoing
Executive Ambulatory Surgical Center, LLC v. State Farm Automobile Insurance	State Farm	2:18-cv-14094-PDB-EAS	Appears to remain open

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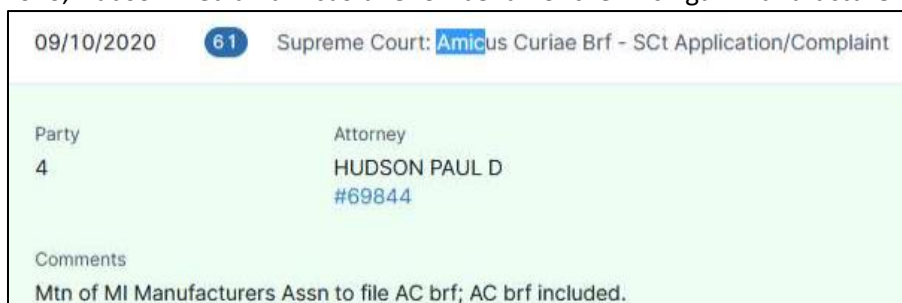
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FILED AMICUS BRIEF ON BEHALF OF MICHIGAN MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION IN WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY AGE DISCRIMINATION CASE

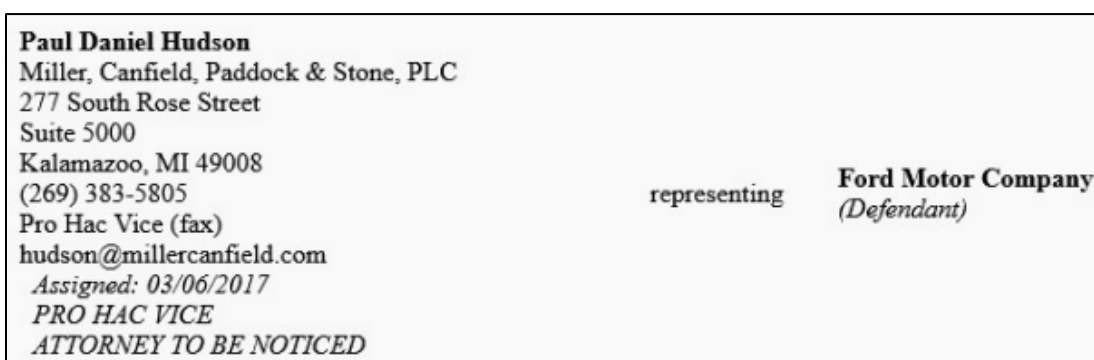
During an age discrimination case against Wayne State University, Hudson filed an amicus brief on behalf of the Michigan Manufacturers Association.



[Michigan Court of Appeals Case #330189; Michigan Supreme Court Case #155896]

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Plaintiff Suspended for One Month Because of Absences

According to CaseText.com, “At one point this included a one-month suspension by Ford because of his absence from work.” [CaseText.com; Case # 1:13-cv-08974]

Plaintiff Told He Had to Return to Position He Feared Would Exacerbate Injury, Did Not Report to Work

According to CaseText.com, “Upon returning from the suspension, Ford’s labor representative told Baptist he would have to return to his forklift position—a work placement he feared would exacerbate his injury—and so he did not report to work for the next three days.” [CaseText.com; Case # 1:13-cv-08974]

Ford Terminated Employee

According to CaseText.com, “Ford subsequently terminated Baptist’s employment claiming the three consecutive absences violated the terms of Ford’s Collective Bargaining Agreement.” [CaseText.com; Case # 1:13- cv-08974]

Plaintiff Appealed Lower Court Ruling

According to CaseText.com, “The jury heard from the Plaintiff and numerous witnesses regarding the actions of Baptist and Ford. The jury judged the credibility of the witnesses and weighed the evidence and then concluded

that Baptist had not proved his case of retaliation. None of the witnesses' testimony or the admitted exhibits is in question in this motion. Baptist solely challenges three jury instructions, the Court's gatekeeping ruling that the issue of punitive damages should not have gone to the jury, and the Court's discovery sanction which limited the number of years for which he could seek backpay due to his failure to disclose prior work ventures and income.” [CaseText.com; Case # 1:13-cv-08974]

U.S. District Court Denied New Trial

In 2018, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois denied the plaintiff’s request for a new trial. [CaseText.com; Case # 1:13-cv-08974]

REPRESENTED COMPANY SEEKING TO AVOID RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEATH OF EMPLOYEE

In 2015, Hudson served as an attorney for Spartan Steel Coating LLC when the company was seeking to avoid responsibility for the death of an employee, Ryan Charles.

3	SPARTAN STEEL COATING LLC Defendant - Appellant	
	Attorney(s) JOHNSON MARK R #37521, Retained	HUDSON PAUL D #69844

[Michigan Court of Appeals Case #323538]

Charles’s Estate Sued Company

The estate of Ryan Charles sued the company, alleging that Spartan Steel had actual knowledge that the machinery was not completely shut down during a belt adjustment and, thus, knew that an injury was certain to 104 occur but willfully disregarded that knowledge. [Michigan Court of Appeals Case #323538]

Court of Appeals Ruled in Company’s Favor

In 2016, Hudson co-filed an amicus brief on behalf of the Michigan Municipal League in support of the City of Lansing’s prevailing wage law.

Party	Attorney
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[Michigan Supreme Court Case #149622]

Michigan Supreme Court Ruled in Favor of City of Lansing

In May 2016, a unanimous Michigan Supreme Court ruling that stated local prevailing wage laws – which require union-rate pay and benefits on city jobs – are constitutional. [Michigan Supreme Court Case #149622]

Michigan Municipal League Praised Ruling

According to the Michigan Municipal League, “The decision is considered to be highly significant and favorable with respect to the scope of home rule powers in Michigan. The Michigan Supreme Court provided an answer to one of the most important questions concerning the authority of Michigan’s cities and villages. In its unanimous

decision, the Court underscored the significance of language in the 1963 Constitution related to local government home rule powers. While the decision is important in upholding the city of Lansing’s prevailing wage ordinance, the impact should far exceed this one ordinance. There will no doubt be future cases, with different facts, that will offer the Court other opportunities to interpret the proper relationship between Michigan’s local governments and the State.” [Michigan Municipal League, “Top 13 Legal Cases Consequential to Michigan Municipalities”]

BRAGGED ABOUT WINNING CASE PREVENTING INJURED WORKERS FROM FILING RICO SUITS

In 2013, Miller Canfield issued a press release announcing, “In a landmark decision, the en banc United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit ruled in Jackson v. Sedgwick Claims Management Service that employers no longer need to worry about facing federal civil liability under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) for disputing a claim for worker’s compensation benefits . Miller Canfield represented the employer in the case.”

In Jackson, the court overruled a 2012 panel’s decision that allowed the plaintiffs, Clifton Jackson and Christopher Scharnitzke, to sue their employer, worker’s compensation claims administrator, and their medical expert under RICO, alleging that the defendants conspired to deny their worker’s compensation claims.

“That decision, had it stood, would have subjected employers to the threat of huge RICO liabilities each time they denied a worker’s compensation claim,” Hudson said. [Miller Canfield, 9/25/13]

Hudson Called Case “A Common-Sense Victory for Michigan Workers and Employers”

“The civil RICO en banc Sixth Circuit case was a great victory for our appellate team and our client, and it was also a common-sense victory for Michigan workers and employers,” Hudson says. “I think the Sixth Circuit got it right.” [LegalNews.com, 10/25/13]

MANUFACTURING

BEGAN REPRESENTING FORD MOTORS IN 2021 IN BIZARRE, LONG-RUNNING CASE THAT WAS INTERRUPTED BY PLAINTIFF BEING CHARGED WITH MURDER FOR DEATHS HE ALLEGED HAD BEEN CAUSED BY FORD

In 2021, Hudson began representing Ford Motors in a bizarre, long-running case that began as a product liability suit filed by the plaintiff in 2016 but was delayed while the plaintiff was accused of murder for the deaths of his family that he had attributed to Ford.

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[Case #2:16-cv-00068-MHW-KAJ]

According to the Washington Post, “But then one night in April 2008, an unusual fire killed Billi and both the kids, 12-year-old Caleb and 16-year-old Ami — one that authorities would spend more than a decade investigating. Billi’s husband, Peter Romans, was the only one to escape the blaze. The fire that burned the family’s modest one-story home to the ground in rural Ohio was unusual in part because it didn’t start in the home. Somehow, it started in the family’s Ford Expedition that was parked in the carport next to the house — then rapidly spread to the home.” [Washington Post, 7/30/19]

Romans Sued Ford Motors Over Blaze in 2009

According to the Columbus Dispatch, “In February of 2009, Romans sued Ford Motor Co. and the switch manufacturer alleging the defect caused the fatal fire.” [Columbus Dispatch, 10/29/20]

Dropped Case in 2015, Re-Filed It in 2016

Romans dropped the case against Ford in 2015 and refiled it the next year in federal court instead. [Washington Post, 7/30/19]

Fire Marshalls Ruled Blaze was Arson in 2009

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Plaintiff Arrested in 2019, Charged with Murder in Fire That Caused Death of His Family That He Blamed on Ford

According to the Washington Post in 2019, “On Monday, Peter Romans was arrested on multiple charges of aggravated murder, aggravated arson and murder in the deaths of his wife and children. Prosecutors have not revealed what new evidence has led them to arrest Romans more than 11 years after the fire and a decade after the arson determination.” [Washington Post, 7/30/19]

Plaintiff Found Not Guilty in 2020

According to the Columbus Dispatch in 2019, “Peter Romans dropped his chin to his chest and sobbed Thursday morning as a judge's words echoed through the Madison County courtroom: Not guilty. A three-judge panel had deliberated about four hours before rendering not guilty verdicts on each of 11 charges Romans faced that accused him of starting the fatal fire that killed his wife and two children in 2008. The charges against him included aggravated murder that could have carried the death penalty.” [Columbus Dispatch, 10/29/20]

Plaintiff’s Case Against Ford Closed in 2021 After Jury Found in Ford’s Favor

In 2021, a jury issued a verdict in Ford’s favor, ending the case. [Case #2:16-cv-00068-MHW-KAJ]

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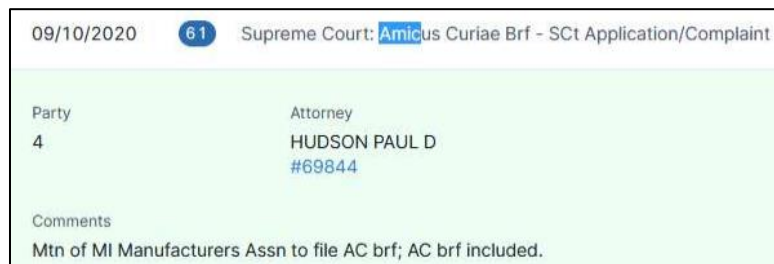
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[Michigan Supreme Court Case # 161658]

REPRESENTED FORD IN INDEMNIFICATION CASE

In 2019, Hudson represented Ford Motor Company in an appeal of a circuit court case that sought indemnification after a wrongful death lawsuit. [Michigan Court of Appeals Case #349212]

Appeal Stemmed from Wrongful Death Suit Involving Delivery to Ford Plant in Missouri

According to the Appeals Court ruling in the case, “This appeal arises out of a wrongful death action in Missouri that resulted in a substantial award against defendant. The decedent, David Ford, was a delivery driver for Walkenhorst Transportation, LLC(Walkenhorst), and he was killed while delivering vehicle seats to plaintiff Ford Motor Company’s vehicle assembly plant in Kansas City. Ford v Ford Motor Co. [Michigan Court of Appeals Case #349212]

Jury Found Ford 95 Percent Responsible for Death

According to the Appeals Court ruling in the case, “The jury found plaintiff liable and 95% at fault for the decedent’s injuries. Ford, 585 SW3d at 326. “The jury also found that Ford Motor’s conduct satisfied the substantive standard for an award of aggravating circumstances damages.” [Michigan Court of Appeals Case #349212]

Ford Sought to Indemnify Itself, Sued Other Responsible Parties

According to the Appeals Court ruling in the case, “Plaintiff filed this action in the Oakland Circuit Court seeking indemnification from defendants pertaining to the Missouri action. Pursuant to the Purchase Order between plaintiff and Logistics, Logistics was required to provide trucking services for the Kansas City plant, purchase commercial general liability and automobile liability insurance, and name plaintiff as an insured on any excess or umbrella policies. [Michigan Court of Appeals Case #349212]

Appeals Court Affirmed in Part, Reversed and Remanded in Part

According to the Appeals Court ruling in the case, “For the reasons set forth above, we rule as follows. The trial court erroneously found no question of material fact whether the equipment that caused the decedent’s injuries was “attached” to the truck. We therefore reverse the trial court’s grant of summary disposition in favor of Cherokee as to Cherokee’s substantive liability and Cherokee’s duty to defend under the General Policy. The trial court also erred in concluding that Universal and Logistics were entirely excused from indemnifying plaintiff under ¶12(a) of plaintiff’s Global Terms, in contrast to ¶12(b), insofar as plaintiff was found by the jury to be 5% not at fault, and the Motor Carrier Act does not render ¶12(a) void. Furthermore, plaintiff should have the opportunity to discover whether Universal and Logistics carried excess or umbrella insurance that did not name plaintiff as an insured. We therefore reverse in part the trial court’s grant of summary disposition in favor of Universal and Logistics. In all other respects, we affirm. The matter is remanded for further proceedings not inconsistent with this opinion. [Michigan Court of Appeals Case #349212]

AMICUS ATTORNEY FOR MICHIGAN MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION IN APPEAL OF CASE HOLDING COMPANY ACCOUNTABLE FOR DEFECTIVE TRANSMISSIONS

In 2018, Hudson was an amicus attorney for the Michigan Manufacturers Association when Ford appealed a ruling by a Wayne County Circuit Judge that the Michigan Consumer Protection Act litigants standing to sue Ford for alleged defective transmissions in some Ford vehicles.



[Michigan Court of Appeals Case #345751; Michigan Supreme Court Case # 160927]

Ford Appealed Wayne County Circuit Decision; Court of Appeals Ruled Company Exempt from Michigan Consumer Protection Act

In 2021, the Small Business Association of Michigan reported, “The 118 plaintiffs, who opted out of a now-settled class-action lawsuit and sued Ford on their own, won at the trial level when Wayne County Circuit Judge Annette Berry held the MCPA gave them standing to sue, but they sought an appeal with the MSC (Case No. 160927) after the Michigan Court of Appeals held that Ford was exempt from the MCPA.” [Small Business Association of Michigan, 2/16/21]

Plaintiffs Appealed to Michigan Supreme Court, Which Declined to Hear Case; Plaintiffs Filed Motion for Reconsideration

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Nessel Said Decision Gave Companies “A Free Pass for Misconduct,” Asked Supreme Court to Reconsider

In 2021, the Small Business Association of Michigan reported, “The Attorney General’s office asked the Michigan Supreme Court (MSC) to revisit its ‘erroneous interpretation’ of an exemption in the Michigan Consumer Protection Act (MCPA) that allows for a ‘free pass for misconduct.’ Attorney General Dana Nessel said the court’s current interpretation means “wide swaths” of the economy are exempt from liability under the MCPA, opening consumers to significant risk. Nessel’s request comes in an amicus brief filed in Jordan Cyr et al. v. Ford Motor Company lawsuit, which originated in Wayne County and accuses Ford of violating the MCPA based on alleged defective transmissions in some Ford vehicles.” [Small Business Association of Michigan, 2/16/21]

Supreme Court Denied Request for Reconsideration

In 2021, the Michigan Supreme Court denied the request for reconsideration. [Michigan Supreme Court Case # 160927]

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According to CaseText.com, “Ford hired Baptist in 2012 to operate a forklift at its assembly plant in Chicago, Illinois. Three months into the job, Baptist injured his wrist while working and he sought medical assistance. Between numerous medical visits, the lingering injury, and Baptist’s belief that he could not operate a forklift, Baptist took days off from time to time.” [CaseText.com; Case # 1:13-cv-08974]

Plaintiff Suspended for One Month Because of Absences

According to CaseText.com, “At one point this included a one-month suspension by Ford because of his absence from work.” [CaseText.com; Case # 1:13-cv-08974]

Plaintiff Told He Had to Return to Position He Feared Would Exacerbate Injury, Did Not Report to Work

According to CaseText.com, “Upon returning from the suspension, Ford’s labor representative told Baptist he would have to return to his forklift position—a work placement he feared would exacerbate his injury—and so he did not report to work for the next three days.” [CaseText.com; Case # 1:13-cv-08974]

Ford Terminated Employee

According to CaseText.com, “Ford subsequently terminated Baptist's employment claiming the three consecutive absences violated the terms of Ford's Collective Bargaining Agreement.” [CaseText.com; Case # 1:13- cv-08974]

Plaintiff Appealed Lower Court Ruling

According to CaseText.com, “The jury heard from the Plaintiff and numerous witnesses regarding the actions of Baptist and Ford. The jury judged the credibility of the witnesses and weighed the evidence and then concluded that Baptist had not proved his case of retaliation. None of the witnesses' testimony or the admitted exhibits is in question in this motion. Baptist solely challenges three jury instructions, the Court's gatekeeping ruling that the issue of punitive damages should not have gone to the jury, and the Court's discovery sanction which limited the number of years for which he could seek backpay due to his failure to disclose prior work ventures and income.” [CaseText.com; Case # 1:13-cv-08974]

U.S. District Court Denied New Trial

In 2018, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois denied the plaintiff's request for a new trial. [CaseText.com; Case # 1:13-cv08974]

REPRESENTED FORD IN APPEAL OF CASE THAT HAD BEEN DECIDED WHEN DEFENSE COUNSEL FAILED TO SHOW UP

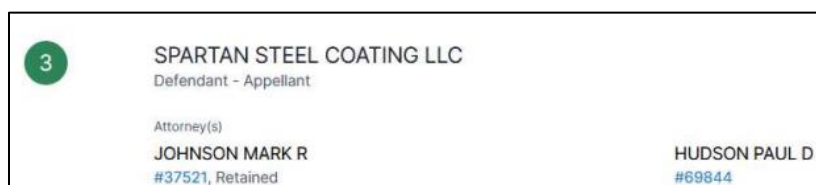
From 2014 to 2016, Hudson represented Ford Motors in the appeal of a case that had been filed over a defective car.

The case had been decided in Calhoun Circuit Court in favor of the plaintiff, who had purchased the vehicle. However, that decision came when the defense attorney had failed to show up to a quickly scheduled hearing.

The Michigan Appeals Court ruled in Ford's favor to have the case remanded. [Court of Appeals Case # 324088]

REPRESENTED COMPANY SEEKING TO AVOID RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEATH OF EMPLOYEE

In 2015, Hudson served as an attorney for Spartan Steel Coating LLC when the company was seeking to avoid responsibility for the death of an employee, Ryan Charles.



[Michigan Court of Appeals Case #323538]

Charles Was Crushed and Killed by Company's Belt Wrapper

According to the Michigan Court of Appeals, Ryan Charles “became trapped and was crushed while he was making a belt adjustment on a belt wrapper at the exit end of a steel recoiler machine at defendant's facility where he worked. [Michigan Court of Appeals Case #323538]

Charles's Estate Sued Company

The estate of Ryan Charles sued the company, alleging that Spartan Steel had actual knowledge that the machinery was not completely shut down during a belt adjustment and, thus, knew that an injury was certain to occur but willfully disregarded that knowledge. [Michigan Court of Appeals Case #323538]

Court of Appeals Ruled in Company's Favor

In 2016, the Michigan Court of Appeals ruled in favor of the company, arguing that the plaintiff had failed to establish that the company had intended to injure Charles. [Michigan Court of Appeals Case #323538]

REPRESENTED CHINESE COMPANY IN CASE FILED BY MICHIGAN COMPANY

From 2014 to 2016, Hudson served as a defense attorney for the Aviation Industry Corporation of China, a People's Republic of China corporation, in a case filed by Michigan company Global Technology.

<p>Paul D. Hudson Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, P.L.C. 277 S. Rose Street Suite 5000 Kalamazoo, MI 49007 269-383-5805 313-496-8453 (fax) hudson@millercafield.com Assigned: 10/14/2014 ATTORNEY TO BE NOTICED</p>	representing	Aviation Industry Corporation of China, a People's Republic of China corporation <i>(Defendant)</i>
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[Case # 2:12-cv-11144-SJM-MKM]

The case was settled. [Case # 2:12-cv-11144-SJM-MKM]

REPRESENTED CHINESE COMPANY IN DISPUTE WITH MICHIGAN FIRM

From 2014 to 2016, Hudson represented Taizhou Golden Sun, a Chinese corporation that had been contracted with a Michigan corporation, Colorbök Inc, to manufacture toys for customers.

	TAIZHOU GOLDEN SUN ARTS & CRAFTS CO LTD Plaintiff - Appellant - Cross Appellee
	Attorney(s) HUDSON PAUL D #69844, Retained

[Michigan Court of Appeals Case #320129; Michigan Supreme Court Case #152712]

Michigan Company Failed, Assets Were Sold to Successor; Chinese Company Sued to Recover Debt

According to the Michigan Court of Appeals, "Colorbök Inc failed and was foreclosed on by a bank, which then resold Colorbök Inc's assets to a successor, Colorbök LLC, leaving a substantial amount of money owed and unpaid to Taizhou, which had already shipped the contracted-for toys directly to Colorbök Inc's customers."

Taizhou filed suit seeking to recover the debt. [Michigan Court of Appeals Case #320129; Michigan Supreme Court Case #152712]

Case Eventually Reached Michigan Supreme Court; Hudson's Client Appears to Have Been Unsuccessful in Recovering Debt

The case eventually reached the Michigan Supreme Court, where it appears that Hudson's client was unsuccessful in recovering the money it lost in its arrangement with the Michigan company. [Michigan Court of Appeals Case #320129; Michigan Supreme Court Case #152712]

REPRESENTED CHINESE COMPANY IN CONTRACT SUIT BROUGHT BY AMERICAN COMPANY

From 2012 to 2013, Hudson served as a defense attorney for the Beijing Automotive Industry Holding Company and the Beijing Hainachuan Automotive Parts Company.

The plaintiff in the case was the HK China Group, a California company in the business of working with American and Chinese companies to facilitate the development, manufacture, and sale of auto parts.

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		Beijing Hainachuan Automotive Parts Company LTD Beijing China <i>(Defendant)</i>
		Beijing United Automobile And Motorcycle Manufacturing Corporation Beijing China <i>(Defendant)</i>

[Case # 2:12-cv-12761-AJT-LJM]

The case was dismissed by the court. [Case # 2:12-cv-12761-AJT-LJM]

REPRESENTED CHINESE COMPANY IN CONTRACT SUIT

In 2010 and 2011, Hudson was a defense attorney for Daimay North America and its parent company, Chinese company Shanghai Daimay Automotive Interior, in an apparent contract suit.

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		Daimay North America, Inc. <i>(Defendant)</i>
		Shanghai Daimay Automotive Interior Co., Ltd. <i>(Defendant)</i>

[Case # 2:10-cv-12837-AJT-PJK]

The case was dismissed. [Case # 2:10-cv-12837-AJT-PJK]

OIL COMPANIES

REPRESENTED MARATHON PETROLEUM IN PRODUCT LIABILITY AND CONTRACT DISPUTE WITH CHEMICAL COMPANY

In 2011, Hudson served as an attorney for Marathon Petroleum when the company sued M-Power Chemicals in a product liability lawsuit.

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[Case # 2:11-cv-10966-JAC-MAR]

The court ruled in Marathon's favor. [Case # 2:11-cv-10966-JAC-MAR]

REPRESENTED MARATHON PETROLEUM IN DISPUTE WITH OPERATOR OF GAS STATION

In 2012, Hudson represented Marathon Petroleum in a dispute with the operator of a gas station.

<p>Paul D Hudson Miller Canfield Paddock and Stone PLC - Det/MI 150 W Jefferson Suite 2500 Detroit, MI 48226-4415 313-963-6420 313-496-8454 (fax) hudson@millercanfield.com <i>Assigned: 05/18/2011</i> LEAD ATTORNEY ATTORNEY TO BE NOTICED</p>	representing	<p>Marathon Petroleum Company LLC <i>(Defendant)</i></p>
		<p>Marathon Petroleum Company LP <i>(Defendant)</i></p>

[Case # 2:11-cv-00101-PPS-PRC]

Emad Eshak wanted to buy the gas station he leased from Marathon Petroleum Company, but the owner sold the property to someone else, and afterwards he and Marathon agreed to end their franchise relationship. Eshak sued, claiming that Marathon violated the Petroleum Marketing Practices Act ("PMPA") and tortiously interfered with his right to buy the property.

The court ruled in favor of Marathon Petroleum. [Case # 2:11-cv-00101-PPS-PRC]

REPRESENTED MARATHON OIL IN APPARENT DISPUTE OVER USE OF AFRICAN OIL FIELDS OWNED BY MICHIGAN RESIDENTS

In 2011, Hudson began representing Marathon Oil in a state and federal action filed by Michigan residents over the use of African oil fields.

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[Federal Case #1:2011cv00587]

	<p>MARATHON OIL CORPORATION Defendant</p> <p>Attorney(s) HUDSON PAUL D #69844, Retained</p>
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[Michigan Court of Appeals Case #304462]

NOTE: To the extent that a more detailed summary of the (very complicated) case is necessary, it is suggested that an attorney review the case filings. In our layman’s assessment of the case, the most relevant matter for political purposes is that Hudson represented a major oil company.

SMALL BUSINESS

REPRESENTED CITY OF ROYAL OAK IN LAWSUIT FILED BY SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

From 2017 to 2019, Hudson represented the City of Royal Oak in a lawsuit filed against it by a number of small business owners who opposed a development that had been planned.

	<p>ROYAL OAK CITY OF Defendant - Appellee</p> <p>Attorney(s) HUDSON PAUL D #69844, Co-Counsel</p>	<p>GILLAM DAVID W #39131</p>
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[Michigan Court of Appeals Case #341606; Michigan Supreme Court Case #158590]

Business Owners Unsuccessfully Sued City Over Planned Office Tower That Would Eliminate Some Parking

In 2017, Royal Oak business owners sued the City of Royal Oak over a planned development in the City for the construction of an office tower, parking structure, and other municipal buildings, which would partly be built on areas that were municipal surface parking lots. [Michigan Court of Appeals Case #341606; Michigan Supreme Court Case #158590]

Business Owners Took Case to Michigan Court of Appeals

The plaintiffs appealed the trial court's order in favor of defendant, the City of Royal Oak, and intervening defendant, Central Park Development 123 Group, LLC. [Michigan Court of Appeals Case #341606; Michigan Supreme Court Case #158590]

Court of Appeals Affirmed Trial Court's Order

In 2019, the Michigan Court of Appeals affirmed the trial court's order, noting that "plaintiffs' anticipation of a negative impact on their businesses is premised on conjecture and fails to account for other factors that may have a positive effect on the performance of their businesses, such as a new pool of potential customers" and ... "In short, the trial court properly dismissed this action under MCR 2.116(C)(5) because plaintiffs did not have standing." [Michigan Court of Appeals Case #341606; Michigan Supreme Court Case #158590]

Supreme Court Declined to Hear the Case

In 2019, the Michigan Supreme Court declined to hear the case on appeal. [Michigan Supreme Court Case #158590]

REPRESENTED OUTSOURCE SOLUTIONS IN CASE ALLEGING COMPANY HAD STOLEN MONEY

From 2013 to 2015, Hudson served as an attorney for Outsource Solutions, a company that provided payroll, human resource, and tax-related services to the plaintiff, C & L Ward Brothers.

According to the Michigan Court of Appeals, "In September 2011, Ward terminated the contract, having discovered that Outsource Solutions allegedly retained hundreds of thousands of dollars in payments to which it was not entitled under the Co-Employment Agreement. While Ward considered the money an overcharge that needed to be returned, Outsource Solutions interpreted the Co-Employment Agreement to authorize its retention of the subject money."

Ward unsuccessfully circuit, state and federal courts. [Oakland County Circuit Case # 2013-132137-CZ; Michigan Court of Appeals Case # 315794]

TAX ISSUES

SUBMITTED AMICUS BRIEF ON BEHALF OF MICHIGAN MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION IN TRUGREEN TAX CASE

In 2020, Hudson submitted an amicus brief on behalf of the Michigan Manufacturers Association in a Michigan Supreme Court case in which the Trugreen lawn company was seeking a use-tax refund of \$1,168,333.49. [Michigan Supreme Court Case #163515]

In 2021, the Michigan Supreme Court vacated a lower court's ruling that found lawn care company TruGreen can't claim a nearly \$1.2 million use tax exemption for products used to treat grass and ordered the case re-tried. [Michigan Supreme Court Case #163515]

It appears that the case is ongoing. [Michigan Supreme Court Case #163515]

NOTE: While it is believed that the brief submitted by Hudson is in support of Trugreen's efforts to lower its tax bill, we have requested a copy to confirm.

SUBMITTED AMICUS BRIEF ON BEHALF OF MICHIGAN MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION IN FORD TAX CASE

In 2018, Hudson submitted an amicus brief on behalf of the Michigan Manufacturers Association in a Michigan Supreme Court case between Ford Motors and the Michigan Department of Treasury.

The case stemmed from Ford's challenge to an assessment by the Department of Treasury under Michigan's Use Tax Act.

The Court of Appeals ruled against the Department of Treasury, which appealed to the Michigan Supreme Court.

The Appeals Court affirmed in part, reversed in part, and remanded the case for further proceedings. [Michigan Supreme Court Case # MSC 158061]

SUBMITTED AMICUS BRIEF ON BEHALF OF MICHIGAN MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION IN TOMRA TAX CASE

In 2018, Hudson submitted an amicus brief on behalf of the Michigan Manufacturers Association in a Michigan Supreme Court case between Tomra Manufacturing and the Michigan Department of Treasury. [Michigan Supreme Court Case #158333]

Tomra Unsuccessfully Sued Department of Treasury Seeking a Refund of Use and Sales Taxes

TOMRA of North America, Inc., brought two separate actions in the Court of Claims against the Michigan Department of Treasury, seeking a refund for use tax and sales tax that plaintiff had paid on the basis that plaintiff's sales of container-recycling machines and repair parts were exempt from taxation under the General Sales Tax Act, and the Use Tax Act.

The Court of Claims granted summary disposition in favor of defendant, holding that plaintiff's container-recycling machines and repair parts were not used in an industrial-processing activity and that plaintiff therefore was not entitled to exemption from sales and use tax for the sale and lease of the machines and their repair parts. [Michigan Supreme Court Case #158333]

Hudson Brief (Predictably) Argued in Favor of Granting Tax Exemptions to Tomra

In his brief on behalf of the Michigan Manufacturer's Association, Hudson argued that the Michigan Supreme Court should reverse the lower court's decision and allow Tomra to receive the tax exemptions.

From Hudson's brief:

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY OF THE ARGUMENT

Michigan is manufacturing. This case involves a tax exemption for “industrial processing” and raises a question vital to Michigan’s manufacturers: When is property purchased for and used in manufacturing taxable and when is it exempt? The Michigan Manufacturers Association (MMA) urges the Court to answer that question by following the plain text of the statute. The Court should reject the Department of Treasury’s invitation to tip the scales in its favor by “strictly construing” the exemption against the manufacturer taxpayer. Tax exemptions, like any other unambiguous statutory provisions, should not be read “strictly” or with a thumb on the scale in favor of one party or the other. They should instead be read fairly, dispassionately, in context, and according to their plain text. So read, the machines used for the industrial process here squarely qualify for the tax exemption, and the Court should reject the Department’s tangled construction to the contrary.

[Hudson Brief on Behalf of Michigan Manufacturers Association, 8/30/19]

Tomra Appealed and Case Was Reversed; Supreme Court Concurred

TOMRA appealed, and the Court of Appeals reversed.

The Michigan Supreme Court concurred and affirmed the Court of Appeals. The matter was remanded to the Court of Claims for further proceedings. [Michigan Supreme Court Case #158333]

Submitted Amicus Brief on Behalf of Michigan Manufacturers Association in Menard’s Property Tax Case

In 2016, Hudson submitted an amicus brief on behalf of the Michigan Manufacturers Association regarding the Menard’s property tax case. [Michigan Supreme Court Case #152519; Hudson Amicus Brief on Behalf of Michigan Manufacturers Association, 9/9/16]

Case Stemmed from Dispute Between Menards and City of Escanaba Over Property Taxes

The case began in a dispute over a tax assessment method that local governments across the state said left them millions of dollars short of what such companies should be paying.

Michigan’s highest court upheld a 2016 decision from the state’s Court of Appeals in Menard, Inc. vs. City of Escanaba that found the state was assessing taxes unfairly by not taking into account multiple ways of assessing property value. The decision, which was issued without an opinion, could change how much big box stores pay in local taxes.

The so-called “dark stores” method of evaluation that Menard and other big box stores have used led to about \$100 million on lost local revenue since 2013, according to the Michigan Association of Counties.

“We’re trying to pay the appropriate level of taxes based upon the market conditions,” Menard’s attorney John Pirich said during the oral testimony in response to questions from Bernstein.

Bernstein said he was attempting to find out whether Menard used a different method to evaluate its property value for tax purposes than it would if the company were trying to sell a property.

“How does Menard internally list this value? Do you base the value of this property based on how it’s assessed by the city ... or do you have your own internal way you’re going to value this?” Bernstein asked.

Justice Kurtis Wilder did not participate in the case because he was on the Court of Appeals panel. [Detroit News, 10/21/17; Michigan Supreme Court Case #152519]

Hudson Argued That Menard’s Should be Allowed to Appeal

In his amicus brief on behalf of the Michigan Manufacturers Association, Hudson argued that Menard should be allowed to appeal the lower court’s ruling that, in effect, would require it – and according to Hudson’s brief – many Michigan companies – to pay more in taxes.

From Hudson’s amicus brief:

The issues before the Court are extremely important issues for Michigan businesses, including the MMA’s members. The MMA’s members will be directly and adversely affected by the Opinion, which endorsed property taxation based upon an inflated “value in use” concept rather than the constitutionally and statutorily required standard of usual selling price. Virtually all of the MMA’s members are GPTA taxpayers and will be directly affected by the Opinion. The MMA has a vital interest in ensuring that the constitutional and statutory scheme for determining a property’s TCV is correctly applied.

[Michigan Supreme Court Case #152519; Hudson Amicus Brief on Behalf of Michigan Manufacturers Association, 9/9/16]

Supreme Court Rejected Appeal

In October 2017, the Michigan Supreme Court voted 6-0 to reject an appeal from retail giant Menard. [Detroit News, 10/21/17; Michigan Supreme Court Case #152519]

REPRESENTED FORD IN SINGLE BUSINESS TAX CASE

In 2011, Hudson served as an attorney for Ford when it sued the Michigan Department of Treasury in what began as a dispute over whether Ford owed tax under the then-repealed Single Business Tax Act.



[Michigan Supreme Court Case #146962]

Supreme Court Case Dealt with Whether Ford Was Due Interest on Erroneously Assessed Taxes

By the time Hudson became involved in the case, prior proceedings had established that the Treasury erroneously assessed tax on plaintiff's contributions to its VEBA trust fund. As a result, the Michigan Supreme Court was simply considering whether or not Ford was due interest on a refund. [Michigan Supreme Court Case #146962]

Court Ruled in Favor of Ford

In 2014, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled in favor of Ford, finding that it had complied with relevant statutes to make it eligible to receive interest on the amount of overpaid taxes. [Michigan Supreme Court Case #146962]

MISC. CASES

MACDONALD V. THOMAS M. COOLEY LAW SCHOOL

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RUDISILL V. FORD MOTOR COMPANY

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¹⁶³ [“Miller Canfield Lawyer Paul Hudson Named One of Michigan Lawyers Weekly’s ‘Up & Coming Lawyers’” Press Release, Miller Canfield, 11/21/2013](#)

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CLERKSHIP

Clerked at U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit Judge Raymond M. Kethledge

According to his LinkedIn, Hudson clerked for Raymond M. Kethledge, a circuit judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Hudson clerked from July 2008 to October 2009.¹⁶⁵ Kethledge was appointed in July 2008, the month Hudson began as his clerk.¹⁶⁶

Called Kethledge “the best legal writer in Michigan”

In an October 2013 profile, Hudson praised Judge Kethledge as “the best legal writer in Michigan,” remarking, “I love to write, and I’ve stumbled into the right profession for that. I clerked for the best legal writer in Michigan, and he made me better every single day I was there. I learned just how important a good brief is, and I knew coming out of my clerkship that I wanted to focus on appellate practice.”¹⁶⁷

¹⁶⁵ [Paul Hudson, LinkedIn, accessed 7/24/2024](#)

¹⁶⁶ [“Raymond M. Kethledge” Harvard Law School, accessed 8/16/2024](#)

¹⁶⁷ [“Home Run: Former baseball player enjoys the intensity of appellate work” Sheila Pursglove, LegalNews.com, 10/28/2013](#)

LAW FIRMS

PEPPER HAMILTON LLP (2006-2008)

OVERVIEW

Hudson's Involvement

According to his LinkedIn, Hudson worked as an associate at Pepper Hamilton LLP after graduating law school from September 2006 to July 2008.¹⁶⁸

MILLER CANFIELD (2009 – PRESENT)

OVERVIEW

Hudson's Involvement

According to his LinkedIn, Hudson has worked at Miller Canfield since October 2009.¹⁶⁹

Announced as associate

In April 2010, Hudson was announced as a new associate joining Miller Canfield's Detroit office. He specialized in commercial litigation and criminal defense.¹⁷⁰

Was principal and co-chair of Appeals Group

As of November 2013, Hudson was a principal and co-chair of the Miller Canfield's Appeals Group in its Kalamazoo office.¹⁷¹

¹⁶⁸ [Paul Hudson, LinkedIn, accessed 7/24/2024](#)

¹⁶⁹ [Paul Hudson, LinkedIn, accessed 7/24/2024](#)

¹⁷⁰ "People making news" Detroit Free Press, 4/16/2010

¹⁷¹ ["Miller Canfield Lawyer Paul Hudson Named One of Michigan Lawyers Weekly's 'Up & Coming Lawyers'" Press Release, Miller Canfield, 11/21/2013](#)

ISSUES

ABORTION

MICHIGAN

Endorsed by Right to Life Michigan which opposed proposal 3 and supported old abortion bans

In 2022, Right to Life of Michigan endorsed Hudson for the State Supreme Court. Michigan Advance reported that “Both Zahra and Hudson have been endorsed by the state’s leading anti-abortion group, Right to Life of Michigan, which is part of a coalition against Proposal 3.”¹⁷²

Right to Life Michigan supported the 1846 and 1931 abortion bans. In 2022, the group’s Legislative Director discussed the laws, which had not been enforced for years due to Roe. They stated, “Lots of our laws have been on the books for a long, long time, and no one is questioning whether or not they should be enforced.”¹⁷³ Right to Life Michigan’s president said that conservative justices who voted to overturn Roe v. Wade “are on the right side of history today.” The president also said, “We know that one day Michigan’s 1931 abortion law will be enforced again. ... We will continue to peacefully work towards this through the legal system.”¹⁷⁴

PLANNED PARENTHOOD DEFUNDING

Opposed federal funding for planned parenthood

In April 2024, Hudson said he supported the Hyde Amendment that ensured “no federal dollars go to abortion,” when asked why the government was giving money to Planned Parenthood.¹⁷⁵

¹⁷² [“Abortion ballot initiative drama sparks new focus on Michigan Supreme Court races this fall,” Jon King, Michigan Advance, 9/17/2022](#)

¹⁷³ [“A law from 1840s could soon guide abortion policy in Michigan,” Craig Mauger, The Detroit News, 5/18/2022](#)

¹⁷⁴ [“Whitmer, Nessel vow to continue abortion rights fight; conservatives hail high court ruling,” Kayla Ruble, The Detroit News, 6/24/2022](#)

¹⁷⁵ Kent County Coffee Hour, DCCC Tracking Report, 4/5/2024

BUDGET

BALANCED BUDGET

Supported a balanced budget amendment

In March 2024, Hudson released a statement saying he would support a balanced budget amendment.¹⁷⁶

DEBT

Said the national debt was unsustainable and was contributing to the rise in cost of living

In an April 2024 interview, Hudson called the national debt “unsustainable.” His full comment read:¹⁷⁷

It’s spiraling out of control. We have a \$34T national debt, sometimes these numbers can be so big you lose track of what that means, but it means that every man, woman, and child in America has \$100,000 of debt hanging over their head that maybe they didn’t know about, and we’ve treated this like monopoly money for so long now we’re starting to see the real consequences of that. One is that we’re now paying more in interest on the debt than our entire national defense budget. It’s unsustainable. It’s ballooned from \$5T just 20 years ago to now \$34T, and we’re adding a trillion every hundred days. It’s getting crazy, and tied to that is the inflation we’re feeling, and if there’s one issue that is top of mind for everybody in the district, we can all feel that everything’s out of whack right now, and the reason is because a \$100 cart of groceries from 3 years ago is now \$140, and you can’t fool people about that, and it’s a real problem. It’s making everyday life unaffordable, but it’s tied to this sort of free money. Trillion dollar spending package after trillion dollar spending package that we’ve dumped into the economy that has turbocharged inflation, and there are real effects to that. So that’s another philosophical disagreement I have with Hillary Scholten and why these elections really do matter.

Research Note: the above text is pulled from the DCCC’s tracking report. It is not necessarily verbatim.

Supported the Limit Save Grow Act

In April 2024, Hudson said that he supported the Limit Save Grow Act to get the national debt under control. Hudson called it a “very modest proposal” and explained that the bill would “just set caps on discretionary spending at 2019 levels.”¹⁷⁸

Said “there’s pain coming” in order to fix the national debt

In an April 2024 interview, Hudson said that “there’s pain coming” with any fix to the national debt. The full exchange read:

Host: The only way to pay off the debt is either through inflation or by raising taxes and cutting spending. Either way sucks everyone. Are you willing to commit to voters that you’re willing to make these kinds of hard decisions?

Hudson: Yeah. There’s pain coming, and it is making those hard decisions, and like I said, sometimes you’re not going to get everything you want in there, but I think that’s what we’ve gotten away from in recent years, is just that sort of all or nothing mentality, and if you don’t get everything you wanted in every bill, then you got to vote no. I believe you got to take your wins and you have to realize that you’re working within the most brilliant form of government ever devised by man, but it requires a separation of powers for a reason. It’s hard to pass a law, it has to run through the house of representatives and the senate and then signed by the president and upheld in courts, so it’s hard by design, but that can’t be an excuse to get nothing done when you need to, when you have big priorities and you need to get things done.

¹⁷⁶ [Tweet, @PaulHudsonMI, 3/1/2024](#)

¹⁷⁷ [“LIVE with Paul Hudson!” Bigger Truth Media, YouTube, 4/12/2024](#)

¹⁷⁸ [“LIVE with Paul Hudson!” Bigger Truth Media, YouTube, 4/12/2024](#)

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Said we needed to reign in government spending

As of August 2024, Hudson’s website stated he believed the country needed to reign in “Washington’s wasteful spending,” blaming both parties for “their addiction to spending.” He stated:¹⁷⁹

Our country is in a mess of debt—and both parties are to blame for their addiction to spending. The national debt has ballooned to \$34 trillion—over a hundred grand for every man, woman, and child in America. This isn’t Monopoly money. We’re now spending more just on interest on our debt than on our entire national defense budget. This is unsustainable. Step one in righting the ship is reining in Washington’s wasteful spending spree.

¹⁷⁹ [Issues, Rein in Government Spending, paulhudsonforcongress.com, Accessed 8/16/2024](https://paulhudsonforcongress.com)

CHINA

BUSINESS

Said he wanted to support companies based in Michigan that provide local jobs

As of July 2024, Hudson's website stated that he wanted to support companies based in Michigan. The Jobs section of his website read:¹⁸⁰

As your next Congressman, I will be a strong voice for West Michigan. Our state is continuing to see a decline in population, while newly graduating college students are leaving to find jobs elsewhere. But West Michigan is home to local companies that are innovating and producing world-class products. By supporting small businesses, we are helping to provide genuine job growth and ensuring that our next generation can thrive right here at home.

¹⁸⁰ [Issues, paulhudsonforcongress.com](https://www.paulhudsonforcongress.com), Accessed 7/30/2024

Said that crime in the district was a result of illegal immigration

In an April 2024 Interview, Hudson was asked about crime having “increased exponentially in the last year” in the district and the murder of Ruby Garcia. Hudson responded by linking the crime increase to immigration and failed policies, stating:¹⁸¹

It’s a tragic situation, and like you said, it’s a very human situation. I think I have a responsibility as a candidate to be measured and respectful, and in the response, I don’t see it as my role to sort of whip up passions about this, but I think what this episode does is highlight the policy failures, right? And it’s always going to be specific instances like this, unfortunately, that maybe help people wake up to the fact that there really is a problem and it was caused by a policy failure in our immigration system going back many years. This was someone here illegally who had a long criminal record, multiple encounters with the police, that was ultimately deported in 2020 and came back again. We’re not quite sure when that is, but the point is that’s a series of policy failures that shouldn’t be acceptable to anybody, to any thinking person. To me, let’s focus on that at least. Learn something from this incident and many others that are like it to recognize that this is a real problem that we need Washington to solve yesterday, but it needs to happen now.

Research Note: the above text is pulled from the DCCC’s tracking report. It is not necessarily verbatim.

¹⁸¹ [“LIVE with Paul Hudson!” Bigger Truth Media, YouTube, 4/12/2024](#)

Said the Inflation Reduction Act worsened inflation

As of July 2024, Hudson’s website stated that inflation was a direct result of policies in Washington and that the Inflation Reduction Act only made things worse:¹⁸²

Runaway inflation has made life unaffordable—over \$10,000 per year more expensive than just a few years ago, and wages haven’t kept up. West Michigan families are feeling the struggle of putting food on their tables and fuel in their cars. This was a direct result of bad policy in Washington, with trillions of dollars of irresponsible government spending turbocharging inflation. Joe Biden and Hillary Scholten’s so-called “Inflation Reduction Act” tried to spend even more money to solve inflation, only making things worse. We need commonsense and responsible legislation that lowers spending and brings down inflation.

Supported a 6 percent cut on non-defense discretionary spending to address inflation

In August 2024, Hudson said we need to “throttle back” on spending and supported a 6% cut on non-defense discretionary spending as a “specific and realistic goal” to reduce government spending induced inflation:¹⁸³

Full Quote:

I think there's plenty of blame to go around. I think there are productive efforts in Congress right now to rein in spending. For example, they're going through the budget process right now. And pulling back 6% on non-defense discretionary spending, I think that's a specific and a realistic goal that we should be committed to. Because again, this big ship isn't going to turn on a dime

¹⁸² [Issues, Tackle Inflation, paulhudsonforcongress.com, Accessed 7/31/2024](#)

¹⁸³ [Tweet, @PaulHudsonMI, 8/4/2024](#)

EDUCATION (K-12)

K-12

Said we needed to raise standards and “make our public school’s accountable to parents”

As of August 2024, Hudson’s website stated that we needed to raise standards and “make our public school’s accountable to parents”:¹⁸⁴

Every child deserves access to a quality education, no matter where they live. Education is the foundation of equality of opportunity in this country. We need to do more to raise standards, support students, provide better and more individualized educational opportunities, and make our public schools accountable to parents. With reading and math scores sliding in recent years, let’s get back to the basics to ensure our children are equipped with the tools they need to prosper in the future.

¹⁸⁴ [Issues, Education, paulhudsonforcongress.com, Accessed 8/16/2024](https://www.paulhudsonforcongress.com/issues/education)

COURTS

Stated that courts had become over-politicized

In October 2022, Hudson appeared on the Paul W. Smith Show, where he expressed concerns that courts had become over-politicized. During his run for Michigan Supreme Court, Hudson claimed that people had lost trust in their judges to rule in a nonpartisan manner. He added, "I've grown concerned that are courts are getting overly politicized and that the public is losing faith that their judges are non-partisan and neutral and that politics are taking over the courts."¹⁸⁵

¹⁸⁵ " Paul Hudson ~ The Paul W. Smith Show", Cumulus Media Detroit, Listen Notes, 10/12/2022

GUNS

RED FLAG LAWS

Said he had a plan to turn back red flag laws and called them “security theater”

In April 2024, Hudson was asked if he had a plan to turn back red flag laws and answered “yes.” Hudson called gun control laws like red flag laws “security theater” more than anything else. The full exchange read:¹⁸⁶

Question: Would you have a plan to turn back the red flag laws?

Hudson: Yes.

Question: What would that be?

Hudson: Here’s our approach. I think gun laws in general do more harm to law abiding, responsible gun owners than they do to actually- they’re more of security theater than anything else. My approach again is standing up for the 2nd amendment, the full breadth that. I don’t know if you’ve read the justice Scalia decision on Heller, and I’m sorry to nerd out a bit, but it’s a triumph of American jurisprudence and what he said in there is 1 it’s sort of remarkable we’ve got 200+ years in the republic and we still have questions about whether the 2nd amendment actually protects individual rights, their arms. Justice Scalia, I think quite effectively, pointed out that the answer to that is yes, but I think we stand up for the full breadth of the protections that the second amendment provides. It’s a duty of a legislator to do so, bound by it to do so as well.

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¹⁸⁶ Delegates for Trump Event, DCCC Tracking Report, 4/11/2024

HEALTHCARE

COSTS

Said free markets would help drive down healthcare costs

As of August 2024, Hudson's website stated that free markets would drive down healthcare costs.¹⁸⁷

Families have continued to struggle with out-of-control healthcare costs. Free markets and greater competition among insurers will help drive costs down for everyone, lowering medical expenses across the board. By protecting pre-existing conditions and lowering costs, we can help millions get access to the quality, affordable healthcare they need.

¹⁸⁷ [Issues, Healthcare, paulhudsonforcongress.com, Accessed 8/16/2024](#)

IMMIGRATION

BORDER FENCE

Promised to work for increased security at borders

In March 2024, Hudson appeared on a podcast with Justin Barclay where he promised to work towards increased security at borders. When asked if he would work for secure borders if elected, he responded:

Look it is long past time for the president and Congress to get serious about securing the border. There are lessons that have to be learned here and shame on all of us if we don't learn from this and make changes immediately because this is a grim reminder that policy choices matter in the real world.¹⁸⁸

H.R 2

Said there were commonsense solutions to fix the border, criticized Scholten for not passing H.R. 2

In an April 2024 interview, Hudson said that there were commonsense solutions the border "and you don't have to go back very far." Hudson pointed to Biden's executive orders reversing Trump's border policies as an easy route to progress. He also criticized Scholten for voting against H.R. 2. Hudson's full comments regarding H.R. 2 read:¹⁸⁹

A specific example of that, there was a bill last year, HR2, that Hillary Scholten voted against. Was it a perfect bill? Probably not, but that was almost a full year ago now and since then we've had millions more illegal crossings. So, I get frustrated when I see and hear politicians in Washington pointing fingers, and well you oppose the senate bill and you oppose the house bill. I don't care where it comes from but get something done. That's sort of the basic breakdown in congress right now, is they can't get anything done, even something that's so obviously a problem that people are demanding solutions.

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IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

Supported Trump's call to deport immigrant that murdered a Michigan woman

In March 2024, Hudson expressed support for the deportation of Brandon Ortiz-Vite, who killed Ruby Garcia from Grand Rapids, MI. Ortiz-Vite was a DACA recipient until 2019 and was then deported to Mexico in 2020. When Ortiz-Vite returned to the United States and began dating Ruby Garcia, he did not hold any legal documentation. Trump used Garcia's death as a call for increased border security and deportations, which Hudson expressed support for in a podcast with Justin Barclay. Specifically, Hudson stated:¹⁹⁰

I think this should be a wakeup call. Like you said, we are going to be seeing these incidents across the country with our failed immigration system and failed border policy. And what jumps out at me, particularly in this case, is that there were multiple opportunities along the way when this tragedy could have been stopped.

Said he would send illegal immigrants back

In April 2024, Hudson was asked if would "send back" illegal immigrants. He responded by saying:¹⁹¹

I think the policy of the government has to be to enforce our laws, and that means if you're here illegally, then you need to be sent back, yes. The reason is, and the reason why I started that by saying tongue-in-cheek that we're not ready to have that conversation is that I think the Ds have lost credibility on this issue.

¹⁸⁸ "Illegal alien charged with Grand Rapids woman's murder was deported by Trump administration (WML) 3-27-24", WOOD Radio, Listen Notes, 3/27/2024

¹⁸⁹ ["LIVE with Paul Hudson!" Bigger Truth Media, YouTube, 4/12/2024](#)

¹⁹⁰ "Illegal alien charged with Grand Rapids woman's murder was deported by Trump administration (WML) 3-27-24", WOOD Radio, Listen Notes, 3/27/2024

¹⁹¹ Delegates for Trump Event, DCC Tracking Report, 4/11/2023

They want to talk about comprehensive immigration reform. You can't let 9M more illegal immigrants in and then say- you're making the problem 9M people harder to solve, and then say we need to do that.

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Promised to secure the border

As of August 2024, Hudson's website stated that he promised to secure the border and blamed Scholten for allowing "9 million illegal immigrants" to enter the country:¹⁹²

While Washington politicians sit on their hands, we have a national crisis at our southern border. A record 9 million illegal immigrants have entered our country in just the past three years due to the irresponsible and inexcusable open-border policy of the Biden administration and Hillary Scholten. We are seeing the impact of open borders right here in our community as fentanyl overdoses continue to devastate families, overwhelm our services to the point that the Governor's administration has asked Michiganders to house migrants. As your Congressman, I'll make sure this ends. This is basic common sense: we have immigration laws for a reason, and we need to enforce them.

¹⁹² [Issues, Secure the Border, paulhudsonforcongress.com, Accessed 8/16/2024](https://paulhudsonforcongress.com)

INCOME TAXES

Signed the Congressional Taxpayer Protection Pledge

In February 2024, Hudson signed the Congressional Taxpayer Protection Pledge, a pledge from Americans for Tax Reform in which he promised to “oppose tax increases” if elected.¹⁹³



**Statement of Paul Hudson:
“I’m Proud to Oppose All Income Tax Increases”**

Grand Rapids, MI – “I am pleased to announce I’ve signed the ‘Taxpayer Protection Pledge’ promoted by the DC-based Americans for Tax Reform (ATR).

By taking this pledge, I want West Michigan voters to know that if they send me to Washington as their representative, I will ‘oppose any and all efforts to increase the marginal income tax rates for individuals and businesses; and I oppose any net reduction or elimination of deductions and credits.’

Embodied in this promise is the simple reality that Michiganders already send enough of their hard-earned income to Washington. The current trillion-dollar federal deficits the country faces are not the result of our citizens being taxed too little. The problem is that Congresswoman Scholten and her colleagues in Congress won’t stop the spending insanity.

This is an urgent issue for all Americans because most are not aware that our taxes are set to *automatically* go up next year.¹ Unless Congress acts, these tax increases will affect nearly every taxpayer, and working and middle-income filers most of all.² This means that, on top of runaway inflation and record-high housing costs making everyday life unaffordable, West Michiganders will be hit with a multi-thousand-dollar tax hike. This is unacceptable, and in Congress I will fight to make sure the hardworking people of West Michigan get to keep more of their paychecks, not less.

Our current representative won’t take this ‘no tax increase’ pledge because she believes Washington deserves more of West Michigan’s money. Congresswoman Scholten has been silent on the looming tax hikes, and is apparently content to see taxes soar across West Michigan. On the issue of taxes, Congresswoman Scholten’s views are not in line with the people she represents.”

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Since 1986, ATR has sponsored the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, a written promise by legislators and candidates for office that commits them to oppose tax increases. Every Republican member of the Michigan congressional delegation has signed the ATR pledge in 2022. Congresswoman Hillary Scholten has not signed the pledge.

Paul Hudson, a lifelong Michigander, is seeking the Republican nomination for Congress in the state’s Third District. The GOP primary election is Tuesday, August 6, 2024.

Said he would extend the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act

As of August 2024, Hudson’s website stated that he would work to extend the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.¹⁹⁴

Did you know your taxes are set to automatically go up next year? Not just for the wealthy or for corporations—for nearly everybody, across the board. As your representative in Congress, I won’t let that happen. I believe that West Michiganders should get to keep more of their hard-earned paychecks, not less. On day one in Congress, I’ll work to extend the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act to let you keep more of your own money.

¹⁹³ [Tweet, @PaulHudsonMI, 2/19/2024](#)

¹⁹⁴ [Issues, Lower Taxes, paulhudsonforcongress.com, Accessed 8/16/2022](#)

UKRAINE

MILITARY AID

Supported military aid to Ukraine, but “not a blank check”

In an April 2024 interview, Hudson said that he supported military aid to Ukraine and a “peace through strength” approach to foreign wars. Hudson noted that “nobody likes funding foreign wars” but it was also in Americans’ direct national security interest to provide weapons and munitions assistance to Ukraine. Hudson also commended the Biden administration’s job with messaging of Ukraine, saying:¹⁹⁵

Not a blank check, and I think one thing the administration has not done a good job of is messaging why this is important to people, but Putin has told us what he’s going to do.

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¹⁹⁵ [“LIVE with Paul Hudson!” Bigger Truth Media, YouTube, 4/12/2024](#)

APPENDIX

HISTORICAL BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENTS

PERSONAL

[CAMPAIGN WESBITE, 8/16/2024]

Paul Hudson is a home-grown Michigander and longtime resident of West Michigan. He grew up in Metro Detroit, where his father worked for Chrysler and his mother worked nights as a doctor in the ER. He was one of six children, with two adopted siblings from Romania.

Paul is the grandson of Michigan State College Football Hall of Famer, Duffy Daugherty, who won two national championships and was a pioneer in racially integrating football with the Spartans.

After high school, Paul attended Cornell where he played catcher for the baseball team. Soon after, he graduated Cum Laude from Georgetown Law and then served as a law clerk for the United States Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. Following his time in the federal court system, Paul went on to become a senior partner at Michigan's oldest and most prominent law firm, Miller Canfield, and now serves as the firm's Chair of Appeals.

For the past 18 years, Paul has argued hundreds of appeals in state and federal courts across the country, including cases defending law enforcement officers and upholding constitutional rights. In 2016, Paul was awarded the Golden Gavel Award, which "exemplifies significant contribution to professionalism and courtesy in the practice of law and [promotes] the image and honorable reputation of the profession." One legal expert stated "one name is coming out on top: Paul Hudson."

Most recently, Paul was nominated by the Republican Party as a candidate for the Michigan Supreme Court and received over 800,000 votes in a statewide nonpartisan race.

In his free time, Paul coaches his son's baseball team and is an avid marathoner. Paul resides in East Grand Rapids with his wife, Jen, and two children, Sarah and John.¹⁹⁶

PROFESSIONAL

MILLER CANFIELD BIO, ACCESSED 7/2024

["Paul D. Hudson" Miller Canfield, accessed 7/24/2024](#)

PROFILE

Paul chairs the firm's Appeals group and focuses his practice on appellate matters in the state and federal appeals courts.

He has argued more than 50 appeals in appellate courts across the country, including the Michigan Supreme Court, the Michigan Court of Appeals, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. He serves as a lead appellate counsel for a large automotive OEM in appeals throughout the Midwest, and lead appellate counsel for a large insurer in the Michigan appeals

¹⁹⁶ [About, paulhudsonforcongress.com, Accessed 8/16/2024](#)

courts. He also represents individual clients in cases ranging from property and contract disputes to federal criminal and habeas appeals. He is admitted to practice in the United States Supreme Court and has represented clients at the writ of certiorari stage. Paul also maintains an active amicus curiae practice and serves as amicus counsel for the Michigan Manufacturers Association, a leading trade organization and a prominent voice in the Michigan appellate courts.

Paul uses this deep and varied appellate experience to defend our clients' hard-fought victories on appeal and to overturn unfavorable decisions from the lower courts.

Paul is known for his clear, concise, and persuasive writing style. A national legal writing expert recently conducted a blind study of merits briefs filed in the Michigan Supreme Court and concluded that "one name is coming out on top: Paul Hudson."

In 2016, Paul won the Michigan Defense Trial Counsel's Golden Gavel Award, which is given annually to a lawyer who "exemplifies significant contribution to professionalism and courtesy in the practice of law and [promotes] the image and honorable reputation of the profession."

Paul is active in state and federal bar associations and was appointed by the Chief Judge of the Sixth Circuit to serve as the chair of the Advisory Committee on Rules, one of just three Michigan lawyers on the Committee. He has also served on the State Bar of Michigan's Appellate Practice Council and the American Bar Association's Appellate Practice Committee. Paul was the Editor-in-Chief and Publications Chair of the State Bar of Michigan Litigation Journal, and co-authored the Michigan chapter of a leading treatise on commercial disputes, "Business Torts: A Fifty State Guide."

In addition to his busy practice, Paul serves the community as a member of the Board of Directors for Goodwill Industries of Southwest Michigan and as a member of Miller Canfield's Pro Bono Committee.

Paul graduated cum laude from Georgetown University Law Center, where he was a member of the law review. He received a B.A. in Government and Philosophy from Cornell University, where he played as a catcher on the baseball team.

Before joining Miller Canfield, Paul served as a law clerk for the Honorable Raymond M. Kethledge on the Sixth Circuit.

EXPERIENCE

Representative Matters

- [Automotive Manufacturer Tax Dispute](#)
Successfully argued an appeal on behalf of an automotive manufacturer seeking a tax refund from the Department of Treasury.
- [Automotive Supplier Warranty Dispute](#)
Successfully represented a large automotive supplier in a \$50 million warranty dispute.
- [Individual Criminal Defense Appeal](#)
Briefed and argued a criminal-procedure issue of first impression in the Michigan Court of Appeals.
- [Defense Contractor Whistleblower Case](#)
Conducted internal investigation of a defense contractor relating to allegations of fraud by a whistleblower.
- [Agricultural Supplier Whistleblower Case](#)
Conducted internal investigation of a large agricultural supplier relating to allegations of fraud by a whistleblower.

- [Federal Habeas Corpus Petitioner Appeal](#)
Briefed and argued complex habeas corpus appeal in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.
- [Individual Federal Criminal Trial](#)
Obtained a not-guilty verdict on the sole contested charge as co-counsel in a federal drug-distribution and firearms jury trial.
- [Law Firm Fraud and Malpractice Dispute](#)
Won dismissal of multi-million-dollar fraud and malpractice claims against a foreign law firm.

Reported and Published Decisions

Ford Motor Co. v. Department of Treasury, __ NW.2d __, 2014 WL 2894925 (Mich 2014)

Successfully argued an appeal on behalf of an automotive manufacturer seeking a tax refund from the Department of Treasury.

Jackson v. Sedgwick Claims Management, __ F.3d __ (2013) Successfully defended a worker's compensation claims administrator against allegations of civil RICO violations. Case was decided by Sixth Circuit en banc.

MacDonald v. Thomas M. Cooley Law School, _F.3d_ (2013) Successfully represented a law school in a purported \$300 million class action brought by graduates alleging fraud and violations of the Michigan Consumer Protection Act.

Rudisill v. Ford Motor Co., 709 F.3d 595 (6th Cir. 2013) Successfully argued an appeal involving a claim brought under the Ohio intentional-tort statute arising out of a factory accident.

Mack Trucks Inc. v. BorgWarner Turbo Systems, Inc., 508 F. App'x 180 (3d Cir. 2012) Successfully represented a turbocharger supplier against a \$50 million warranty claim brought by a large truck manufacturer.

Estate of David Geller v. Ellis Seddon Trust Successfully argued an appeal dismissing an action under Michigan's corporate-dissolution statute.

Thomas M. Cooley Law School v. John Doe 1, 833 N.W.2d 331 (Mich. App. 2013) Represented law school in an appeal setting the standard in Michigan for discovery of the identity of an anonymous internet defamation defendant.

Michigan One Funding, LLC v. MacLean, 2012 WL 4210424 (Mich. App. 2012) Argued appeal involving retention of confidential documents by a company executive after termination.

Kennedy v. Warren, 428 F. App'x 517 (6th Cir. 2011) Briefed and argued a complex habeas corpus appeal involving changes to Confrontation Clause law.

People v. Klees, 2011 WL 2342707 (Mich. App. 2011) Briefed and argued a criminal-procedure issue of first impression in the Michigan Court of Appeals.

United States v. Wallace, No. 10-cr-20664 (E.D. Mich. 2012) Obtained a non-guilty verdict on the sole contested charge as co-counsel in a federal drug distribution and firearms jury trial.

Urban Global v. DibbsBarker, 2011 WL 2802904 (E.D. Mich. 2011) Won dismissal of multi-million-dollar fraud and malpractice claims against an Australian law firm.

HONORS & LEADERSHIP

Honors

The Fellows of the Michigan State Bar Foundation
Best Lawyers in America, Appellate Practice & Commercial Litigation, 2016-present
State Bar of Michigan Pro Bono Honor Roll, 2021
DBusiness Magazine, Top Lawyers, Appellate Law, 2020-present
Michigan Super Lawyers, Appellate, 2023; Rising Star, 2011-2022
Michigan Lawyers Weekly, Up and Coming Lawyers, 2013

Professional Activities

Sixth Circuit Advisory Committee on Rules, Chair
American Bar Association, Appellate Practice Committee, Former Membership and Diversity Chair
State Bar of Michigan, Appellate Practice Council
State Bar of Michigan, Former Litigation Section Council
State Bar of Michigan, Litigation Newsletter, Former Editor-in-Chief

Civic, Cultural & Social Activities

Duffy Daugherty Memorial Award, Board of Directors
Goodwill Industries of Southwest Michigan, Board of Directors

PUBLICATION & EVENTS

Publications

"Business Torts: A Fifty State Guide" (Co-author of Michigan chapter), Aspen Publishers, 2014

"Understanding the Changes to the Rules of Civil Procedure: Amendments Move E-Discovery to the Forefront of Civil Litigation," (Co-author), 2 CONSUMER FIN. L. Q. REP. 229 (2007)

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- [Paul Hudson to Receive Golden Gavel Award](#)

- [Miller Canfield Lawyer Paul Hudson Named One of Michigan Lawyers Weekly's "Up & Coming Lawyers"](#)
- [Miller Canfield Wins Appeal of Civil RICO Case Before Entire Sixth Circuit; Decision is an Important Win for Employers in Worker's Compensation Cases](#)

“U.S. SUPREME COURT RUNDOWN” PAUL HUDSON, MILLER CANFIELD, 6/29/2011

[“U.S. Supreme Court Rundown” Paul Hudson, Miller Canfield, 6/29/2011](#)

This year’s U.S. Supreme Court term has been significant for business. The Court has issued opinions expanding public access to potentially sensitive company documents, expanding manufacturers’ liability in product-liability suits, changing the landscape of employer liability in employee discrimination suits, and narrowing the field of potential defendants in securities suits.

6 RECENT DECISIONS THAT COULD AFFECT YOUR BUSINESS

PRIVACY

In *FCC v AT&T*, the Court held that a corporation does not have a right of “personal” privacy such that it can object to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request on the ground that the request seeks documents obtained by a government agency that are embarrassing or sensitive to the corporation. The case eliminates a protection for companies following a government investigation – sensitive internal emails, for example, now may be fair game to the public with a simple FOIA request.

REGULATORY

In *Williamson v Mazda Motor*, the Court revived an accident victim’s suit against Mazda for failing to install lap-and-shoulder seatbelts – as opposed to lap belts only – in the middle seats of its minivans. Mazda’s lap belts fully complied with federal safety standards, but the Court nonetheless held that those standards did not preempt state tort suits like the accident-victim plaintiff’s. The case has potentially significant implications for automobile manufacturers and suppliers and for companies in other heavily regulated industries. Even full compliance with federal regulations may not protect a company from suit.

EMPLOYMENT

In *Wal-Mart v Dukes*, the Court held “in one of the most expansive class actions ever” that a class of approximately 1.5 million current and former female Wal-Mart employees could not collectively sue the company for alleged gender discrimination. The Court held that the various individuals in the class could not show that their claims involved sufficiently common elements of law or fact to bring a single class action against the company. The case is a significant victory for employers nationwide, who otherwise might have faced similar mass discrimination suits in the future.

The Court held in *Staub v Proctor Hospital* that an employer can be held liable for employment discrimination based on the discriminatory motives of a supervisor who influenced, but did not make, the decision to terminate an employee. The case is significant for employers because some courts had previously held that to prove discrimination an employee generally had to show animus on the part of the supervisor who made the ultimate termination decision. The case therefore potentially expands liability for employers based on the actions of lower-level managers and supervisors.

In *Kasten v Saint-Gobain*, the Court held that an employee who was retaliated against for making workplace-safety complaints may sue even where the employee did not make the complaints in writing. The case is significant for employers because it will likely expand the number of retaliation suits. Under *Kasten*, a disgruntled terminated employee could claim after the fact that he or she made an oral complaint to a supervisor prior to termination.

SECURITIES

In *Janus Capital Group, Inc. v First Derivative Traders*, the Court rejected a claim seeking to impose liability on an investment advisor that was significantly involved in preparing a mutual-fund prospectus that allegedly contained false and misleading statements. The Court held that only the “maker” of the statements, defined as the entity with “ultimate authority” over the statements, may be held primarily liable under Securities and Exchange Rule 10(b)-5. The case is significant because it potentially limits exposure for advisors and entities that contribute to statements in connection with securities transactions but do not have ultimate authority over their contents, further narrowing the field of potential defendants in a trend started with the First Chicago case.

“THINKING AHEAD: WHY YOU SHOULD CONSIDER INCLUDING AN APPELLATE LAWYER ON YOUR TRIAL TEAM” PAUL HUDSON, MILLER CANFIELD, 10/15/2021

[“Thinking Ahead: Why You Should Consider Including an Appellate Lawyer on Your Trial Team” Paul Hudson, Miller Canfield, 10/15/2021](#)

It may seem odd to have an appellate lawyer participate during a trial. But a new decision from the Michigan Court of Appeals shows that a second set of eyes, with a view toward appeal, can benefit both clients and lawyers at the trial level.

In *Estate of Kord Kostich v Monroe Motor Sports, Inc*, unpublished per curiam opinion of the Court of Appeals, issued October 14, 2021 (Docket No 353446), the trial team's failure to preserve an issue for appeal cost the plaintiff a new trial. Kord Kostich was killed when his vehicle hydroplaned during rainy weather and veered into oncoming traffic. Kostich's wife, as personal representative of his estate, brought a negligence claim against Monroe Motor Sports, claiming that it failed to recognize that the tread depth of one of the tires on Kostich's vehicle was inadequate for wet roads. When the jury returned a verdict for Monroe Motor Sports, Plaintiff's attorney asked for the jury to be polled. The parties had apparently agreed that only five out of the eight jurors would have to agree to support a verdict. But, when the trial court polled each juror individually, only four of the eight jurors stated that the verdict announced was their own. The trial court nevertheless confirmed the verdict. Neither party objected.

On appeal, the plaintiff argued that the estate was entitled to a new trial because an insufficient number of jurors agreed with the verdict. Even though the plaintiff was correct, the Court of Appeals held that the plaintiff was not entitled to a new trial because its attorney did not object when the trial court confirmed the verdict. Under Michigan's "raise or waive rule," the Court of Appeals explained that by not objecting, the plaintiff waived its ability to appeal the issue. "[T]o the extent that there was any uncertainty about the jury's verdict or the effect of the polling on the validity of the jury's verdict," the Court of Appeals said, "plaintiff should have raised the issue at the time, where it could have been promptly addressed and any needed clarification obtained, and appropriate remedial action could have been taken if necessary." So, what should have been an easy reversal in the plaintiff's favor became a loss on appeal due to an oversight at the trial level. To rub salt in the wound, on remand the plaintiff must pay significant case-evaluation sanctions to Monroe Motor Sports.

Trial lawyers are, as they should be, focused on the finest factual minutia of their case and the art of persuading jurors based on how those facts are presented through witnesses and summarized during closing arguments. Sometimes, however, that clouds even the best trial lawyers' vision of the technical legal details that can lead to reversible error on appeal. Having an appellate lawyer as part of the trial team can help preserve a win at trial or, unlike *Monroe Motor*

Sports, make sure that issues are preserved so that a trial loss that shouldn't have been can be corrected in the appellate court.

Miller Canfield's appellate team is trained and adept at spotting issues like the ones in *Monroe Motor Sports* and is able to help trial teams ensure that those issues are preserved for appeal. While observing trials in person is still the best means for an appellate lawyer to flag issues for preservation, provide feedback, and get an overall sense of the proceedings, Zoom and other platforms present cost-effective options for including an appellate lawyer on your trial team. Outside of trial, our appellate lawyers can assist with briefing major legal arguments, ensuring that jury instructions conform to the law and withstand appellate challenges, and handling post-trial motions. As *Monroe Motor Sports* shows, having an appellate lawyer participate at trial may make the difference between a big win or a big loss.

If you would like to discuss the variety of services our appellate team can provide, please reach out to a Miller Canfield attorney.

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[“Paul D. Hudson on the Amicus Brief” Steve Thorpe, LegalNews.com, 4/25/2013](#)

Amicus briefs sometimes play a starring role in precedent-setting decisions. They can ensure that a court considers a particular perspective on important issues before it hands down a decision. Miller Canfield attorney Paul D. Hudson’s principal practice areas are complex commercial litigation and appellate litigation. He has briefed and argued cases in the state and federal appellate courts, and has authored amicus briefs on behalf of business and industry organizations in the Michigan Supreme Court. Before joining Miller Canfield, he served as a law clerk for the Honorable Raymond M. Kethledge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Thorpe: What is the historical origin of the amicus brief?

Hudson: Amicus curiae briefs have deep roots, dating back to English common law and Roman law before that. The first appearance in the United States Supreme Court came in the early 1820s, and amicus briefs have grown in importance and prevalence in the years since.

Thorpe: How has its role in the law evolved?

Hudson: Early on, the “friend of the court” was supposed to be just that — a disinterested and dispassionate bystander who brought to the court’s attention information such as little-known precedent that might have escaped the court’s attention. They didn’t have Westlaw back then, so the role was to serve as a sort of backstop against legal error — a bit of legal crowdsourcing, if you will. Over time, the amicus curiae has evolved from a disinterested reference guide to an advocate for a particular position or cause. To be sure, some of the original role remains, and some of the best amicus briefs maintain a neutral posture toward the litigants and outcome of the case, but the modern amicus brief is much more of an advocacy piece than it was in years past.

Thorpe: Tell us about significant cases where amicus briefs played a major role.

Hudson: One famous example is the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in *Mapp v. Ohio*, a landmark 4th Amendment case where the court adopted a position that neither party advocated and that was raised for the first time in an amicus brief by the ACLU. That happened again in a case during the court’s 2011 term, over some grumbling from the dissent. Amicus briefs have taken on increasing importance, and the U.S. Supreme Court has cited an amicus brief in more than 50 percent of its opinions in recent years. Potential amici have taken notice — high-profile cases can attract more than 50 amicus briefs in the U.S. Supreme Court. And the practice is certainly not limited to the U.S. Supreme Court — the Michigan Supreme Court and Michigan Court of Appeals regularly accept and even solicit amicus participation in a whole host of cases.

Thorpe: What ingredients can make an amicus brief more persuasive? Any “land mines” to avoid in an amicus brief?

Hudson: An amicus brief should offer a fresh perspective. The parties to a case are concerned mostly with the results — win or lose, affirm or reverse — and often don’t much care how the court gets there. An amicus party can offer the court a broader view of the case and explain how the court’s decision or reasoning will affect people well beyond the litigants whose names appear in the caption. The worst amicus briefs simply rehash the arguments of the parties and

become nothing more than extra homework for the judges and their clerks. The best amicus briefs draw upon the “friend of the court” tradition while persuasively advocating the organization or entity’s position.

Thorpe: Tell us about the conference on amicus briefs you’re conducting on May 9.

Hudson: Former Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court Clifford Taylor, now a Miller Canfield attorney, is going to offer a unique insider’s perspective on how to use amicus briefs to protect your business or organization’s interests. It’s important for Michigan businesses and organizations to know that there are cases affecting their interests every term in the Michigan courts — and that they have an opportunity to have their voices heard in those cases even where they are not parties. Justice Taylor, Miller Canfield appellate practitioner Matthew Leitman, and I are holding a free informal breakfast discussion in Bloomfield Township on May 9 at 7:30 a.m. Those interested in attending should contact me at 313-496-7597 or HUDSON@MILLERCANFIELD.COM.

“HOME RUN: FORMER BASEBALL PLAYER ENJOYS THE INTENSITY OF APPELLATE WORK”
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A specialist in complex commercial litigation, Paul Hudson enjoys the change of pace in his other specialty, white-collar criminal defense.

“I know people talk about high-stakes, bet-the-company commercial litigation, but for me the pressure doesn’t get any more intense than when an inmate calls from prison and the only way he’s ever leaving is if I do something about it,” he says.

Hudson is a principal with Miller Canfield in Kalamazoo, where he serves as co-chair of the firm’s Appellate Section. Named among Michigan Super Lawyers, Appellate, Rising Star, he holds a leadership position on the American Bar Association’s Appellate Practice Committee and is one of three Michigan lawyers appointed by the chief judge of the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals to serve on its Advisory Committee on Rules.

“I enjoy being around other appellate advocates, and I’ve been fortunate to meet some of the best in the country through my committee work,” he says.

Hudson jokes that he owes his law career to his slight frame and one career home run in college. A catcher at Detroit Country Day School, he played varsity baseball at Cornell University while earning his undergrad degree in government and philosophy.

“My stats weren’t pretty,” he says. “I hit my ceiling in baseball, and I needed a new plan.”

During a college semester in Washington, D.C., he served as an investigator for public defenders at the Georgetown Criminal Justice Clinic.

“It was fascinating stuff—interviewing witnesses, photographing crime scenes, and being around extremely passionate and dedicated lawyers who loved going to work every day,” he says. “I took a witness statement on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, and I was sold on the law and on D.C.”

He applied to law school the next fall, and earned his J.D., cum laude, from Georgetown University Law Center, where he served as editor of the Georgetown Law Journal, and as a student attorney in the Criminal Justice Clinic.

After graduation, he worked at Pepper Hamilton in Detroit and then clerked for Judge Raymond M. Kethledge of the Sixth Circuit.

“I love to write, and I’ve stumbled into the right profession for that,” Hudson says. “I clerked for the best legal writer in Michigan, and he made me better every single day I was there. I learned just how important a good brief is, and I knew coming out of my clerkship that I wanted to focus on appellate practice.”

Clearly appellate work is the right niche; Hudson has won several challenging cases, some worth millions – including successfully representing BorgWarner Turbo Systems against a \$50 million warranty claim brought by Mack Trucks.

Another multi-million biggie was one of the “law-school litigation” cases receiving a good deal of attention in recent years. Hudson and a Miller Canfield team successfully represented Cooley Law School in a purported \$300 million class action brought by graduates alleging fraud and violations of the Michigan Consumer Protection Act, regarding the school’s employment and salary reporting. The Western District of Michigan dismissed the case for failure to state a claim, and the Sixth Circuit recently affirmed.

In September, he and his Miller Canfield colleagues successfully defended Sedgwick Claims Management Service in an appeal of a Civil RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act) case. In a landmark decision, the en banc U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit overturned a 2012 panel’s decision that allowed two plaintiffs to sue their employer, worker’s compensation claims administrator, and their medical expert under RICO, alleging the defendants conspired to deny their worker’s compensation claims. The court reasoned the proper arena for such a claim is the Michigan administrative workers’ compensation system, and allowing the plaintiffs to sue in federal court would allow federal law to supplant a state statutory scheme that “reflects a complex set of bargains between employers and employees.”

“The civil RICO en banc Sixth Circuit case was a great victory for our appellate team and our client, and it was also a common-sense victory for Michigan workers and employers,” Hudson says. “I think the Sixth Circuit got it right.”

A native of Rochester Hills and Bloomfield Township, Hudson and his wife Jen moved from Canton to Kalamazoo last year, when Jen took a job as a professor of aerospace engineering at Western Michigan University. Hudson transferred from Miller Canfield’s Detroit office to the Kalamazoo office, although he still does a good deal of work in Detroit and on the east side of the state.

Proud parents of Sarah, 5, and John, 3, Hudson and his “rocket scientist” wife ran in the Grand Rapids Marathon on October 20 – Jen’s first marathon, and Hudson’s second, having run in Detroit in 2007; he also has completed a few half-marathons and triathlons.

“I’m usually the guy in the back wondering what he got himself into,” he says with a smile.

He serves on the Board of the Duffy Daugherty Memorial Award, named for his grandfather, head football coach at Michigan State University from 1954-72.

“Those were the glory days of Spartan football, and he was a great coach and a great human being – I’ve been fortunate the past few years to serve on the board of directors for a football award and scholarship in his name,” Hudson says. “We’ve given the award to some of the biggest names in college football over the years, including Bobby Bowden, Eddie Robinson, Keith Jackson—and yes, even some folks from the school in Ann Arbor, like Bo Schembechler and Lloyd Carr.”