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Mark A. Aiello is a partner and co-chair of the firm's Automotive Industry Team. He is recognized by *Chambers USA* as a leading lawyer nationwide who represents companies in the automotive industry.

Mark focuses on business transactions and commercial litigation, including supply chain agreements and litigation, product development and protection, as well as warranty and recall litigation. His experience includes serving as lead counsel in connection with business acquisitions and divestitures, as well as with regulatory, real estate, construction, franchise and distribution, surety and insurance, shareholder, and governance matters. He also has represented clients in arbitration and appellate proceedings, including before the state supreme court.

While in law school, Mark interned for General Motors and has particular knowledge representing and advising automotive suppliers and in complex matters.

Awards and Recognition

- Stand-out Lawyer, *Thomson Reuters* (2025)
- Recognized, *Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers*
- Recognized, *Michigan Super Lawyers®*
- Recipient, 2017 Legal Excellence Award, *Corporate Vision*

Affiliations

- Co-chair, Commercial Litigation Committee for the Federal Bar Association (Eastern District of Michigan)
- Former Director, Business Law Section for the State of Michigan

Community Involvement

Mark is involved in numerous community activities and sits on a number of boards for local organizations, including Crime Stoppers of Michigan and the local Community Foundation.

Presentations and Publications

- Original Equipment Suppliers Association, “Regulations, Enforcement Trends and Compliance Practices for Today’s Environment: a Focus on NHTSA, Export Controls, Antitrust and FCPA”
- Association of Corporate Counsel, “Protection of Intellectual Property Rights”
- Original Equipment Suppliers Association, “Contract Issues Facing the Automotive Supply Chain”
- National Association of Construction Auditors, Annual Conference, “Construction Contracts”
- Georgia Automotive Manufacturers Association, “Supply Chain Legal Update”
- Motor Vehicle Resin and Metal Conference, “Legal Rights in the Supply Chain”
- Original Equipment Suppliers Association, “Warranty, Material Costs and Product Development: Negotiating Supply Terms”
- Construction Financial Management Association Annual Conference, “Construction Audits”
- Original Equipment Suppliers Association, Legal Issues Council, “OEM Bankruptcy Update”
- National Association of Purchasing Management, “Purchasing Law”
- Institute of Supply Management, Annual Conference, “Dealing with Troubled Suppliers”

Mark is a leading attorney on business law topics and has written a number of published materials on business matters. He has considerable experience in commercial matters, having coauthored leading treatises on contract and commercial law.

- Contributing author: “Michigan Contract Law,” *ICLE* (2016 update)
- Co-author and general editor: *Michigan Legal Forms-Uniform Commercial Code*, Lawyers Cooperative Publishing (1995 and updates)
- Co-author: “Annual Survey of Michigan Law, Commercial Transactions and Contracts,” Vol. 49, No. 2, *The Wayne Law Review* (2003); Vol. 42, No. 2, *The Wayne Law Review* (1996); Vol. 41, No. 2A, *The Wayne Law Review* (1995)
- Co-author: “Annual Survey of Michigan Law, Administrative Law,” Vol. 38, No. 2A, *The Wayne Law Review* (1992)
- Co-author: “The Use of UCC Section 2-702 in Bankruptcy,” Vol. XXIX, No. 3, *Mich. Bus. L.J.* (2009)
- Co-author: “Proving Economic Duress in Michigan: Will a Gun to the Wallet Ever Be Enough?,” Vol. XXVI, No. 2, *Mich. Bus. L.J.* (2006)
- Author: “Use of Liquidated Damage and Limitation of Remedies Clauses in Contracts,” Vol. XVI, No. 1, *Mich. Bus. L.J.* (1994)

Sectors

- [Automotive](#)
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- Energy Transition
- Equipment & Industrial Product Manufacturing
- Manufacturing
- Supply Chain

Practice Areas

- China
- Commercial Litigation
- Construction
- Distribution & Franchise
- Litigation
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Transactions

Education

- University of Notre Dame (J.D. degree, cum laude)
 - Associate Editor, *Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics & Public Policy*
- Yale University
 - Business
- Michigan State University (Bachelor's degree, high honors)
 - Finance

Admissions

- Michigan