

Michael B. Van Sicklen

Partner/Retired



Michael B. Van Sicklen is a retired partner and litigation lawyer with Foley & Lardner LLP. Van Sicklen's practice focused on commercial litigation, debtors/creditors rights and appellate practice. He represented and counseled clients in a wide variety of civil and commercial litigation, bankruptcy and insolvency matters (including real estate and lender liability), and all types of civil cases on appeal to higher courts. He oversaw all litigation in the massive Ambac Assurance Corporation (Segregated Account) Rehabilitation (see ambacpolicyholders.com). Van Sicklen was head of the Madison office Litigation Team for 10 years. He was a member of firm's Business Litigation & Dispute Resolution and Bankruptcy & Business Reorganizations Practices, as well as the Appellate and Insurance & Reinsurance Litigation Practices.

Prior to joining Foley, Michael was law clerk to Justice Nathan S. Heffernan on the Wisconsin Supreme Court (1979-1980), the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in San Francisco (1980-1981), and Judge Robert Boochever, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Juneau, Alaska (1981-1982).

Awards and Recognition

- Van Sicklen has been Peer Review Rated as AV® Preeminent™, the highest performance rating in Martindale-Hubbell's peer review rating system. He has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for more than 20 years and has been named 2012 Madison Litigation – Real Estate “Lawyer of the Year,” 2013 and 2015 Madison Appellate Practice “Lawyer of the Year” and 2014 Bet-the-Company Litigation “Lawyer of the Year” by *Best Lawyers*®. Van Sicklen has also been selected for inclusion in the 2005 – 2014 lists of *Wisconsin Super Lawyers*® and has been named top appellate lawyer by *Madison Magazine*, and is listed in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers*, in the area of complex commercial litigation (2013-2014).

Thought Leadership

- Van Sicklen teaches and lectures from time to time on various litigation subjects, and recently spoke at the University of Wisconsin Law School about judicial clerkships and interviewing skills.

Education

- University of Colorado (Bachelor's degree, summa cum laude, 1975)
 - Phi Beta Kappa
- University of Wisconsin – Madison (J.D., cum laude, 1978)
 - Editor, *Wisconsin Law Review*