

DAVE CHRISTENSEN

FOUNDER, TRIAL ATTORNEY



EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Doctor of Law (JD) 1988 - 1991
University of Michigan, Master of Arts, Chinese Studies, 1983 - 1991
San Francisco State University, Bachelor of Arts, International Relations, 1981 - 1983

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

Michigan State Bar, November 20, 1991 | Registration # P45374

ASSOCIATIONS

State Bar of Michigan, Negligence Section | Washtenaw County Bar Association
Michigan Association for Justice | National Center for State Courts | American Association for Justice | Coalition Protecting Auto No-Fault



Dave Christensen founded Christensen Law in 2014 after 22 years in practice, determined to create a firm that embodies the values of caring and compassion and that offers clients the individualized attention they need. The firm provides counsel on personal injury cases, with many involving traumatic brain injuries (TBI) resultant from catastrophic car, motorcycle, or truck accidents.

He has amassed an extensive body of work during his 30-year career and is equally regarded as an extraordinarily successful trial attorney and a man of great principle. In representing thousands of clients against many of the largest insurance companies and corporations in America, Dave has achieved record verdicts including a \$17.8M traffic accident injury verdict, the largest in the history of the State at the time. He has tried over 65 jury trials for personal injury and wrongful death cases and represented clients before the Michigan Supreme Court. A recognized authority who has helped shape Michigan's no-fault law, Dave is widely known for his success on injury trials and especially those involving TBI.

Christensen is also focused on giving back to the legal profession by improving the court process and, by extension, providing improved access to justice for the public. As a member of the Michigan State Bar Negligence Section's Council, he worked to defeat efforts to overturn the no-fault system, strengthening the public's right to a jury trial and just compensation.

In 2016, Dave chaired the Scope and Course of Discovery Subcommittee of the Michigan State Bar's Civil Discovery Court Rule Review Special Committee to overhaul the civil discovery process. A comprehensive examination of the outmoded discovery rules resulted in extensive changes to pretrial procedures.

He participated in a Washington DC think tank supporting state court systems, the National Center for State Courts. In 2013, he worked with an elite group of state supreme court justices, legal administrators, Fortune 500 general counsel, and senior practitioners from major law firms comprising the Civil Justice Improvements Committee as commissioned by The Conference of Chief Justices to study and develop model policies and rules to make state court systems more accessible. In collaboration with the Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System, they authored a plan that would become the framework to restructure court systems throughout the country to be more efficient and expeditious in processing cases, expanding access to justice on a national level.

In 2021, Dave was inducted into the Michigan Hall of Fame for distinguished legal practitioners. He is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocacy, holds an AV Preeminent rating from Martindale Hubbell, and has received extensive accolades including Top 100 Trial Attorney, Best Lawyers in America, Leader in the Law, Top 50 Consumer Lawyer, and Top Lawyer in Metropolitan Detroit.

A long-serving board member of local non-profit and charitable organizations, Dave continues to support those in need through both personal and firm initiatives, encouraging employee service to promote engagement and connection to the community.

When not in court, Christensen is an avid marathoner and backcountry skier who enjoys spending time with his family in Michigan and Florida.