



## Stuart A. Best

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Stuart digs deep into a file and analyzes it from all sides before recommending an advantageous solution for his clients.

Stuart serves as both litigator and general counsel to his clients, which include lenders, business owners, and individuals. His matters include defensive as well as plaintiff litigation, in all facets of consumer and commercial banking, asset recovery, business law, and real property in both federal and Michigan state courts. He also practices in real estate default, handling complex legal foreclosure and title issues, as well as state law foreclosure compliance.

With a wealth of federal and state court experience, Stuart has developed an excellent rapport with judges and other court personnel. His confidence and ability to negotiate has allowed him to obtain favorable results in cases involving real estate, federal and Michigan Fair Debt Collection defense, Michigan Lemon Law defense, landlord-tenant, real estate brokerage, and probate matters. He is always up for a challenge and enjoys “putting out fires” for his clients, so they can tend to their typical day-to-day activities.

Stuart has been practicing law for over 30 years. During that time he has been Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ Rated, its highest available rating for legal ability and professional ethics. He was also named Top Lawyer by DBusiness Magazine, 2010, and was selected for inclusion in the Michigan Super Lawyers List, 2011-2012, 2017-2021.

### Focus Areas

- ▶ Consumer Collections
  - ▶ Credit Union Representation
- ▶ Probate Recovery
  - ▶ Estate Location & Claim Filing
  - ▶ Probate Litigation & Defense
- ▶ Real Estate Default
  - ▶ Foreclosure Alternatives
  - ▶ Real Estate Litigation & Defense

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## Honors & Distinctions

- ▶ Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated Attorney
- ▶ Top Lawyer by DBusiness Magazine (2010)
- ▶ Michigan Super Lawyers List, 2011-12, 2017-2021

## Admissions

- ▶ Bay Mills tribal Court, Brimley, Michigan, 2021
- ▶ Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Court, Michigan, 2021
- ▶ U.S. Court of Appeals - 6th Circuit, 2021
- ▶ Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Court - Civil Division, Michigan, 2021
- ▶ Sault Ste. Marie - Chippeqa Tribal Court, 2021
- ▶ U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan, 2003
- ▶ U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, 1988
- ▶ Michigan, 1987

## Education

- ▶ J.D., Michigan State University Detroit College of Law (1987)
- ▶ B.A., Journalism, University of Michigan (1984)

## Affiliations

- ▶ Michigan Creditors Bar Association: President(11/23)-Current
- ▶ Oakland County Bar Association: Member
- ▶ State Bar of Michigan: Member
- ▶ Board of Directors Blood Cancer Foundation of Michigan (formally the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan)
- ▶ Adjunct Professor Macomb Community College
- ▶ Board of Directors McDonald Computer Corporation: Secretary
- ▶ Michigan Bankers Association, Michigan Traveling Circus, Nominating Committee: Chairman
- ▶ Michigan Bankers Association's Retail Lending Committee: Consultant
- ▶ Board of Directors Michigan Creditors Bar Association
- ▶ Boy Scouts of America: Former Scout Master
- ▶ Former Member Board of Directors Alan Almond Productions LTD

## Publications

- ▶ “Weltman Shareholder Stuart Best Makes Michigan’s 2021 Super Lawyers List,” Weltman News (August 13, 2021)
- ▶ “Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., LPA Shareholder Stuart A. Best Elected Chairman of the Nominating Committee,” Weltman News (May 28, 2020)
- ▶ “Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., LPA Attorneys Named to 2018 Lists of Michigan Super Lawyers & Rising Stars,” Weltman News (September 10, 2018)
- ▶ “Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., LPA Shareholder Stuart A. Best Elected to Board of Directors for Children’s Leukemia Foundation of Michigan,” Weltman News (November 3, 2016)
- ▶ “Weltman Attorneys Recognized as Michigan Super Lawyer & Michigan Rising Star,” Weltman News (December 20, 2012)
- ▶ “Liability In A Non-Recourse Loan: Michigan Case Stealing National Spotlight,” Weltman Insights (June 19, 2012)
- ▶ “Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., LPA Attorney Recognized as Michigan Super Lawyer,” Weltman News (October 12, 2011)

## Presentations

- ▶ “Collection Law: Start to Finish,” National Business Institute Seminar, Grand Rapids, MI (April 19, 2017)
- ▶ “Collections Repossessions & Recoveries” National Marine Lenders Association Instructor, (March, 2024)
- ▶ “Managing Strategic Defaults and Defenses” Michigan Bankers Association, MI (March, 2024)
- ▶ “Legislative Landscape and 2024 Predictions” Community Bankers Association, (January, 2024)