

## Aaron V. Burrell

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**Aaron V. Burrell** is a member in the law firm of Dickinson Wright PLLC, specializing in the areas of complex commercial litigation, labor and employment law, appellate law and minority business enterprises. Aaron serves as co-chair of Dickinson Wright's Diversity and Inclusion, Litigation Training, and Lateral Recruiting committees. Aaron has been named an "Up and Coming Lawyer" by Michigan Lawyers Weekly; a "40 Under 40 Honoree" by Crain's Detroit Business and National Black Lawyers; a "Black Leader Worth Watching™" by Profiles in Diversity Journal; a "Top 100 Under 50 Emerging and Executive Leader" by Diversity MBA Magazine; a "Top Lawyer" in Labor and Employment Law by DBusiness Magazine; a Michigan "Top 100 Bet-the Company-Litigator®;" and a "Rising Star" by Michigan Super Lawyers.

Aaron is currently a director on the Oakland County Bar Association Board of Directors, where he has served on a number of committees since 2016. Since joining the bar in 2010, Aaron has been an active member of the OCBA, where he served on, and contributed to, a number of committees and activities, including the Inns of Court program and the OCBA's Diversity and Inclusion Committee. As a member of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee, he assisted with a variety of programs and wrote extensively on the subject of diversity in the OCBA's *LACHES* publication. In 2014, he was honored to be selected as a fellow in the Oakland County Bar Foundation.

In addition to his service with the OCBA, Aaron serves as a past president of the D. Augustus Straker Bar Association—a proactive organization of diverse attorneys with a mission of promoting legal practice opportunities for people of color and facilitating equal justice for all citizens in Oakland County. As president of Straker, Aaron served as a representative on the National Bar Association's Board of Governors.

Aaron has served as a commissioner on the State Bar of Michigan Board of Commissioners, chair of the State Bar of Michigan Representative Assembly, and co-chair of the State Bar of Michigan's Equal Access Initiative. He currently serves on the State Bar's Access to Justice Workgroup. Aaron serves on the board of directors of Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School, and as an elected fellow of the Michigan and American Bar Foundations. He is an active member of the Detroit Bar Association, the Wolverine Bar Association, and the American Bar Association.

Aaron began his legal career in Oakland County, serving as a judicial staff attorney to the Hon. Leo Bowman in Oakland County Circuit Court. Active in the community, Aaron currently serves as president of the David Ellis Academy-West

charter school board of directors and on the Associate Deacon Board of Greater Grace Temple in Detroit.

Aaron is a graduate of the University of Michigan, with distinction; Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School, magna cum laude; and Central Michigan University, where he earned a Master of Science Degree in Administration. He has completed the Leading Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion program at the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences at Northwestern University.