

Dean M. Googasian

Dean M. Googasian has served on the OCBA board of directors since 2015 and has been an active participant in the OCBA since he joined in 1999. He currently serves as secretary to the board of directors, and is a member of the Executive Committee, Planning Work Group, and OCBA Finance Committee. Dean has chaired OCBA's Membership Committee and has been involved in other OCBA events and activities, including Inns of Court and speaking at OCBA seminars.

Dean is a partner and chief executive officer at The Googasian Firm, P.C. in Bloomfield Hills where he focuses on a litigation practice representing individuals in catastrophic injury cases. He is a summa cum laude graduate of Wayne State University Law School, where he served as editor in chief of *The Wayne Law Review*.

After law school, Dean clerked for the Honorable Marilyn Kelly, Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court. Dean later worked in the Criminal Division of the United States Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. He is a frequent author, and in 2007, received the Distinguished Brief Award from the *Thomas M. Cooley Law Review*. Since 2009, he has been recognized as one of Michigan's Super Lawyers.

Dean also serves the community through his work with other organizations. He is a current member and former chair of the State Bar of Michigan's Standing Committee on United States Courts, a fellow of the Oakland County Bar Foundation and the Michigan State Bar Foundation. Dean has served as a board member and president of the Franklin Baseball League, and volunteers extensively with the Matthew Bittker Foundation, which is dedicated to funding pediatric cancer research.

Dean, his wife, Nina, two sons and new rescue dog, Murphy, live in Bloomfield Township. His greatest athletic achievement continues to be a first-place (10 & under) finish in the inaugural 1980 OCBA fun run.