

Jennifer L. Lord

Jennifer L. Lord is a partner with Royal Oak-based Pitt McGehee Palmer & Rivers. Her practice is focused on civil and employment rights.

Lord specializes in workplace discrimination based on age, gender, race, religion, national origin or disability; retaliation; whistleblower cases; Family and Medical Leave Act and breach of contract.

In addition, she has extensive experience in severance negotiations and C-level contract negotiations.

She has litigated claims in state and federal courts, including the Michigan Supreme Court and the U.S Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Since 2015, Lord has served as lead counsel on the high-visibility class action suit filed by state workers against the Michigan Unemployment Insurance Agency. She represents the thousands of state residents who were wrongly accused of fraudulently accepting unemployment benefits based on determinations made by the UIA's highly suspect computerized claims administration system.

Lord has been a tireless and passionate advocate for the many former UIA claimants who had been wrongfully accused. In addition to representing her clients in the courtroom, she has defended and spoken-out for them publicly through multiple media interviews and television appearances.

She argued the case before the Michigan Supreme Court in October 2018 and is waiting for the Court to rule.

She has also been recognized by her peers as a Michigan Super Lawyer and has an AV rating from Martindale Hubbell. She was selected to Women in the Law by *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* and has been named a Top Litigator by *Crain's Detroit Business*.

Lord is a member of State Bar of Michigan (Labor and Employment Law Section); Michigan Association for Justice; National Employment Lawyers Association; Michigan Employment Lawyers Association; Oakland County Bar Association (Vice Chair of the Circuit Court and member of the Professional Development Committees); and Women Lawyers Association in Michigan.

In addition, Lord is active in legal professional development. She is a long-time contributor for the Institute for Continuing Legal Education and is co-author of a chapter in the ICLE-published "Employment Litigation in Michigan; 3rd Edition."

Lord also sits on the Board of Directors of the Horatio Williams Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to giving children a second chance and helping them develop trust, integrity and leadership skills.

A resident of West Bloomfield, she is the proud parent of Jack, Katie and Laine. Lord loves travel, art, film and exploring restaurants.