

# Katherine L. Pullen

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## Biography

Katie Pullen is a litigator who represents health care entities and providers, automotive suppliers and other businesses in a variety of litigation matters. Katie is chair of the firm's Health Care Litigation Practice Group and is also a member of the firm's Automotive Industry Group.

Her experience spans from defending *qui tam* actions arising under the False Claims Act, to counseling clients on shareholder disputes and administrative licensing complaints. Katie is a member of the State Bar of Michigan Health Care Law Section's Substantive Law Committee, and formerly chaired the Providers Committee.

Katie also regularly represents automotive suppliers with contract disputes and negotiations, stop-shipment threats and a variety of other matters. She serves as anti-trust counsel on two councils with the Original Equipment Suppliers Association.

Katie's natural persuasion abilities and zealous advocacy contribute to her success as an attorney. Above all, Katie relishes in the strategic process and delivering exceptional results for her clients.

Katie has been recognized by her peers as a "Rising Star" in the *Michigan Super Lawyers* magazine and was named an "Up and Coming Lawyer" by *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* in 2019.

## Industries

- Automotive

## Practices

- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Health Law
- Health Care Litigation
- Intellectual Property Enforcement and Litigation
- Cybersecurity and Privacy Litigation
- Class Action Defense

- Media, First Amendment and Defamation Litigation
- Supply Chain Litigation
- Cybersecurity and Privacy

## Education

- University of Michigan Law School J.D. 2010
- Michigan State University B.S. 2003

## Representative Experience

### Health Care Litigation

Katie has extensive experience counseling and representing health care clients faced with a variety of disputes. Examples include:

- Successfully defended a cardiology group facing a \$6,500,000 claim for defamation and tortious interference, receiving full dismissal of all claims
- Prevailed on motion for summary judgment of multi-million dollar *qui tam* matter under the False Claims Act on behalf of medical group
- Successfully defended a health care provider in a *qui tam* action under the False Claims Act, obtaining early dismissal of numerous claims
- Counseled and defended a medical provider faced with a demand for exorbitant attorney's fees under the False Claims Act, resulting in a favorable settlement
- Counseled multiple health care clients in responding to civil investigative demands served by the government concerning allegations under the False Claims Act
- Successfully defended a pharmaceutical wholesale company in a contract dispute with its supplier, resulting in a favorable resolution
- Counseled multiple health care clients in insurance audit responses and appeals
- Defended licensing complaint against a provider, resulting in a favorable settlement
- Counseled health care clients on the Telephone Consumer Protection Act concerning communications with patients
- Represented a medical device manufacturer in breach of warranty litigation

### Automotive and Commercial Litigation

Katie has extensive experience counseling and representing clients faced with a variety of disputes, including:

- Represented numerous automotive suppliers in various supply chain disputes, including, among other things, price disputes, breach of warranty claims, stop-shipment threats and actions necessitating injunctive relief
- Successfully defended an automotive financing company in multimillion-dollar arbitration demand brought by a consumer, receiving full dismissal of claims

- Defended automotive financing company in dozens of consumer litigation actions across the Eastern United States
- Successfully defended multiple automotive suppliers in litigation brought by manufacturer representatives pursuant to Michigan's Sales Representative Commission Act
- Assisted numerous automotive clients in responding to subpoenas
- Defended a large automotive supplier in a breach of warranty and recall matter
- Defended multiple lawsuits and counseled clients regarding the Telephone Consumer Protection Act
- Represented a home care company in a class action lawsuit alleging multiple consumer protection act violations, resulting in a favorable settlement
- Prevailed at arbitration on a breach of an asset purchase agreement, recovering a substantial sum of money on behalf of a metal fabrication company
- Defended a contentious shareholder dispute involving a closely held business, resulting in a favorable settlement
- Represented a luxury designer brand in trademark and copyright infringement cases, recouping millions of dollars in damages from companies selling counterfeits of the company's products

## Honors and Awards

- *DBusiness*, Top Lawyers in Metro Detroit, Commercial Litigation, 2022
- Selected as an "Up and Coming Lawyer for 2019" by *Michigan Lawyers Weekly*
- Named as a Michigan Super Lawyer Rising Star, 2016-20

## Publications

- UPDATE: Telehealth in a Changing World – Lessons Learned, 12/2/2021
- Callers Beware: How Health Care Companies Can Avoid Liability Under the TCPA, 8/4/2020

## Professional Affiliations

- OESA  
Counsel, Communications Executives Council and Automotive Public Relations Council (2017)
- Inforum  
Executive Leadership Program Graduate (2015)  
Member (2015-Present)
- Detroit Economic Club

## Community Affiliations

- Leadership Oakland, Class LOXXVIII
- Inforum Executive Leadership Program, Flight 23SE
- Alternative for Girls  
Member, Facilities Committee (2016-Present)

## Bar Associations

- American Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association  
Member, Eastern District of Michigan  
Member, Western District of Michigan
- State Bar of Michigan  
Member, Substantive Law Committee, Health Care Section, Providers Sub-Committee (Chair 2016)
- Oakland County Bar Association

## Speaking Engagements

- "Best Practices and Strategies for Dealing with Ongoing Supply Chain Strains," OESA /SCAC 2022 South Carolina Regional Supplier Meeting, May 12, 2022, Greenville, South Carolina
- "Business and Personal Defamation: Steps to Take if You or Your Business Fall Prey to this Rising Trend," Warner Webinar, September 29, 2020
- "When It Rains, It Pours: How Data Breaches Can Get You Sued, and What to Do About It," North American International Cyber Summit, Detroit, Michigan, October 30, 2017

## Courts

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan

## Admitted

- 2010, Michigan