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OVERVIEW

Leo helps clients with labor and employment matters, including litigation, compliance, and workplace challenges.

Leo chose law school after working as a courtroom clerk in a juvenile court, where managing exhibits and minute entries during daily trials and hearings sparked a genuine fascination with how the legal system operates. Encouragement from the judges, lawyers, and clerks Leo worked alongside during that time confirmed that law school was the right next step.

Trial and appellate advocacy drew Leo to litigation early in law school, where Leo competed as a brief writer on two moot court teams and won the best brief award in both the ABA Boston Regional competition and the Billings, Exum, and Frye national competition. Those competitions built Leo's teamwork, leadership, and persuasive writing skills, and a judicial externship with Chief Justice Elizabeth Clement of the Michigan Supreme Court and an internship with the Michigan Department of the Attorney General's Wrongful Imprisonment Compensation Act Unit rounded out Leo's research, writing, and investigative experience.

Service

Labor & Employment

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As a summer associate at Husch Blackwell, Leo worked on litigation assignments with the commercial litigation and labor and employment practice groups, with brief-drafting projects standing out as a favorite part of the experience. Leo received valuable mentorship there and used the summer to further develop writing and communication skills.

Known for strong advocacy and careful preparation, Leo brings the same thoroughness from moot court and judicial work to every assignment. Clients can expect close attention to detail and clear, well-supported analysis from Leo on every matter.

Education

- J.D., Michigan State University College of Law
  - *summa cum laude*
  - Order of the Coif
  - *Michigan State Law Review*
  - Geoffrey Fieger Trial Practice Institute
  - Moot Court: Billings, Exum & Frye, Brief Writer, Best Brief Award
  - Moot Court: ABA NAAC, Brief Writer, Boston Regional Best Brief Award
  - Dean's List, all semesters
  - CLEA Outstanding Externship Student Award
  - Donald Nystrom Best Brief Finalist Award
  - Jurisprudence Awards: Federal Jurisdiction; Advocacy; Torts I; Research, Writing, and Analysis
- B.A., Kalamazoo College

Admissions

- Missouri

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