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PRACTICE AREAS

Alternative Dispute
Resolution

-  Mediation
-  Facilitation
-  Certified EDR
Neutral
-  Arbitration
-  Special Master

Business Litigation
Business Counseling
Insurance Coverage

EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame
Law School, J.D.

Hillsdale College, Bachelor
of Arts *Magna Cum Laude*

HONORS & AWARDS

- Recipient, FBA's Cook –
Friedman Award for
professional excellence
and civility

Denny is a polished and successful mediator who gets results based on good judgment, intuition, dedication, and over three decades of experience in high-end civil litigation. He is also a leader in the federal and state bar, as a past president of the State Bar of Michigan and the Federal Bar Association's Eastern District of Michigan Chapter, among other positions. In these capacities, Denny has earned the trust and respect of judges, practicing lawyers, and litigants. In 2023, the FBA honored Denny with its Julian Abele Cook, Jr. - Bernard A. Friedman Civility Award, created to recognize a civil practitioner who is an outstanding example of professional excellence and civility.

For the past 33 years, practicing at *Barris, Sott, Denn & Driker, PLLC*, and before that, at *Butzel Long, PC*, two of Michigan's premier law firms, Denny's practice covered a wide range of complex commercial and business litigation and business counseling, including not only litigation of such disputes, but also helping others resolve such disputes as a mediator, arbitrator, and/or court appointed special master.

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC LEADERSHIP

- President, State Bar of Michigan (2019-2020)
- State Bar of Michigan Board of Commissioners (2010-2020)
- State Bar of Michigan Board of Commissioners Executive Committee (2012-20)
- Past-President, Federal Bar Association Eastern District of Michigan Chapter

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- Listed in Best Lawyers in America, Commercial Litigation
- Listed in Michigan Super Lawyers, Business Litigation
- ALM, Top Rated Lawyer, Commercial Litigation
- dBusiness Magazine, Metro Detroit's Top Lawyers
- Martindale Hubbell Peer Review Rating: AV Preeminent 5
- Federal Court Advanced Technology Courtroom Certification
- Buttons Invitational 2013 Green Coat Award
- Fellow, Michigan State Bar Foundation
- Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society
- Federal Court Standing Committee on Civility
- Federal Court 2009 Magistrate Reappointment Selection Panel
- Shamrock Bar Association (Lawyers Affiliated with Detroit Catholic Central High School)
- Incorporated Society of Irish American Lawyers
- Detroit Catholic Central High School Board of Directors
- Detroit Catholic Central High School Alumni Board of Directors
- Notre Dame Club of Detroit
- St. William Parish in Walled Lake
 - Finance Council, Chair
 - Stewardship Commission
 - Parish Council
 - Education Commission
 - Coach of St. William School Boy's Basketball, Football and Girl's Basketball Teams
- Buttons Invitational Charity Golf Outing, Board of Directors
- International Order of the Alhambra, Manresa Caravan (an organization dedicated to assisting developmentally disabled children) Past Grand Commander
- Pro Bono Legal Counsel for Alhambra Michigan Council of Caravans and St. Francis Camp on the Lake, a summer camp for mentally and physically handicapped children
- MELL Program – Volunteer in a substance abuse education program in Detroit Public Schools

BAR ADMISSIONS

- State Bar of Michigan
- US Supreme Court
- US Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- US District Court, Eastern District of Michigan
- US District Court, Western District of Michigan