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**“Mr. Sartori concentrates his practice in general corporate law, commercial transactions, real estate, and tax law.”**

Mr. Sartori represents and counsels a number of individuals and closely held and publicly traded businesses, engaged in a diverse array of industries on a wide variety of legal and business matters, including mergers and acquisitions, transaction structuring, contract negotiations and drafting, tax planning and controversy, licensing, financing, entity structuring, succession planning, estate planning, and general corporate matters. Mr. Sartori has made appearances on his clients' behalf in various federal and state courts and has acted as an arbitrator in complex, closely held business dispute matters.

## Business & Corporate

- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Real Estate
- Tax
- Business Litigation
- Trust & Estate Planning
- Automotive
- Construction & Development
- Tax Credits and Incentives

Mr. Sartori is qualified as a CPA in the state of Michigan since 1989 and practices from the unique perspective of having owned and operated his own business prior to becoming an attorney or CPA.

Mr. Sartori is an adjunct professor of law at Michigan State University College of Law and an adjunct professor of Business Law and Taxation for Walsh College's Graduate School of Business. He has taught over 50 semesters of graduate school education in corporate law and taxation. Mr. Sartori periodically teaches a course he designed in "business divorce" at Michigan State University College of Law entitled, "Closely-Held Business: Shareholder and Member Disputes."

Mr. Sartori is a Tax Policy Advisory Committee member of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Taxation Advisory Board of Walsh College.

## Education

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- Michigan State University College of Law, 1998
  - J.D., *summa cum laude*
  - Awards: Arbitration; Commercial Transactions; Constitutional Law; Estate Planning and Drafting; other honors
- Walsh College, 1993
  - M.S., Taxation
- Oakland University
  - M.B.A., 1986
  - B.S., Accounting, 1983

## Memberships

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- American Bar Association
  - Business Law, International Law, and Taxation Sections
- State Bar of Michigan
  - Business Law; International Law; Real Property; Taxation Sections
- American Association of Attorney-Certified Public Accountants
- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
  - Division of Taxation

## Admissions

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- Michigan, 1998
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, 1998
- U.S. Tax Court, 1998

## Professional Achievements

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- Michigan *Leading Lawyers*, 2020-2021
- *dbusiness*, "Top Lawyers," 2012; 2014; 2017-2020
- "When What You Say May Be Used Against You." Communications Made to Tax Advisors for Tax Planning or Defending Tax Controversy Purposes: *CCH State Tax Review*, Vol. 60, Issue No. 31, 1999.
- Mr. Sartori is also acknowledged by the authors of *Federal Tax Research* 7th and 8th Editions, Raabe, Whittenburg, and Sanders, Thomson South-Western Publishing, 2005; 2008.