



Secrest Wardle Announces Newest Municipal Team Member

Dennis Pollard, a well seasoned litigation and transactional attorney, recently joined Secrest Wardle's Municipal Department. With the addition of Mr. Pollard, the team now has 16 attorneys serving multiple municipalities. Secrest Wardle's Municipal Department was rated by Best Lawyers In America® as having the number one municipal law department in Michigan for 2010.

Mr. Pollard commenced practice in the Office of General Counsel for Ford Motor Company in 1968 leaving for private practice in 1972. Since that time he has represented clients such as; General Motors Corporation, Budd Corporation, 500 local and intermediate Michigan School Districts, Wayne County, Macomb County, Bay City and numerous other Michigan municipalities.

In 2008 Mr. Pollard represented 458 Michigan school districts in a lawsuit against the State of Michigan recovering a declaratory judgment in 2008 for the State's violation of the constitutional prohibition on unfunded mandates. He is presently serving as counsel for a school district in a case involving the challenging of the lack of required funding under the Federal "No Child Left Behind Act." That case is pending before the U. S. Supreme Court. He has represented clients in numerous Federal and State Court of Appeals proceedings and many cases before the Michigan Supreme Court.

In 2009, Mr. Pollard was appointed by the Speaker of the House and Senate Majority Leader to serve on a State commission. He was one of five members appointed and on December 31, 2009 provided a report to the Governor and Legislature on the State's compliance with the Headlee Amendment to the Michigan Commission.

Mr. Pollard is a 1965 graduate of the University of Detroit where he obtained his Bachelor of Science Degree in Finance. He obtained his Juris Doctor from the University of Detroit School of Law in 1968.

For more information regarding Dennis Pollard and Secrest Wardle please visit www.secrestwardle.com or contact Mr. Pollard directly at (248) 539-2806.