



## **Jerome Pesick named to Michigan Lawyers Weekly Class of 2025 Hall of Fame**

*Acclaimed attorney achieved largest eminent domain verdict in Michigan history; has been involved with major Detroit area infrastructure and entertainment developments for more than 40 years*

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Birmingham, Mich.---March 5, 2025 – Jerome Pesick, a shareholder with Birmingham-based full-service business law firm Williams Williams Rattner & Plunkett (WWRP), has been named to the Michigan Lawyers Weekly Class of 2025 Hall of Fame. The legal trade publication annually recognizes notable Michigan attorneys who have been in practice for at least 30 years and, in addition to having successful legal careers, have made valuable contributions to the community.

Prior to joining WWRP in 2022, Pesick led his own firm, Steinhardt Pesick and Cohen, for 20 years. He now sits on WWRP’s board of directors. Pesick’s entire legal career has focused on commercial real estate, with specialties in eminent domain and condemnation law, property tax appeals and land use.

Considered the “Dean of Eminent Domain,” Pesick’s milestone achievement is serving as lead counsel on what remains the largest eminent domain verdict in Michigan history - rendering \$25 million in a case that involved a 6.3-acre parcel on the Detroit River. Not resting on his laurels, he continues to be in the lead on major eminent domain cases, most recently by successfully representing clients in high profile eminent domain and condemnation projects including the Gordie Howe International Bridge and I-94, as well as numerous clients impacted by the addition of traffic circles (roundabouts) in high traffic business corridors in Oakland County.

Pesick’s other historic eminent domain cases have included representing property owners in the following projects: Comerica Park and Ford Field, Poletown, Detroit Waterfront Casino and Reclamation Project, I-696, M-59 (Hall Road), M-5 (Haggerty Connector), Northwestern Connector, Van Dyke Highway, Detroit Metropolitan Airport Expansion, Wayne State University Welcome Center, Wayne County Pinnacle Aeropark, Ypsilanti Water Street Redevelopment, and Orchard Lake Road Widening.

Pesick also has a track record of success representing clients in major business property tax appeal cases including commercial, office, industrial, agricultural, mixed-use and vacant land.

Pesick's contributions to the legal profession are significant and ongoing. Committed to advancement of the legal profession and commercial real estate, he has held a variety of leadership roles in the State Bar of Michigan Real Property Law Section, including Chair of the Section from 2009-2010. He also served as chair of the Section's Eminent Domain Committee for seven consecutive years. In 2022, Pesick was the 13th recipient of the Section's C. Robert Wartel Distinguished Service award, its highest distinction. A frequent public speaker, he enjoys presenting to the legal profession and at commercial real estate events on legal trends in the industry.

In 2024, Pesick was admitted to the prestigious American College of Real Estate Lawyers (ACREL), the preeminent association of commercial real estate lawyers in the United States focused on service to clients, colleagues and the profession. Other legal honors include multiple consecutive years (to present) as a Michigan Super Lawyer and Best Lawyer, including repeat recognition as the Best Lawyers in America – Eminent Domain and Condemnation Regional 'Lawyer of the Year'; DBusiness Top Lawyer; and being named to the Michigan Lawyers Weekly Leaders in the Law class of 2019.

Active in the community, Pesick's civic activities include serving on the Executive Committee as Vice President of Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills, and as a past board member of the National Bone Marrow Transplant Link and the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Pesick holds a Juris Doctor from Detroit Mercy Law and a Bachelor of Arts, with distinction, from the University of Michigan.

A recognition luncheon for all Class of 2025 Hall of Fame honorees will be held at The Mint in Lathrup Village on Friday, April 25, and a profile of Pesick and other honorees will appear in a special section of Michigan Lawyers Weekly as well.

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