



Secrest, Wardle, Lynch, Hampton, Truex & Morley, P.C. is pleased to announce that Margaret Scott has joined its Motor Vehicle Litigation Practice Group at its Troy, Michigan office. In addition to practicing Motor Vehicle Law, Ms. Scott also specializes in Municipal Law and Property, Fire and Casualty.

Ms. Scott served as an Oakland County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney from 1988 to 2008. The majority of her career was spent as a Special Prosecutor of the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office where she was elevated to the office of Chief of the Auto Theft Unit in 1996. As a felony trial prosecutor

Ms. Scott prosecuted crimes involving insurance fraud, identity theft, embezzlement, and arson of insured property. During her time with the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office she successfully prosecuted nearly 100% of the cases assigned to the Auto Theft Unit.

For her dedication to the fight against auto theft and insurance fraud, Ms. Scott received the Bob Sattler Award by the North Central Regional Chapter-International Association of Auto Theft Investigators in 2007. She also received an Award for Professional Excellence for services provided to the Michigan State Police characterized by outstanding performance of duty and a personal commitment to the excellence associated with the prosecution of a 1998 Western Wayne Auto Theft Unit investigation.

Ms. Scott is presently an instructor and presenter for various programs for the Michigan State Police, the Michigan Chapter-International Association of Arson Investigators, International Association of Special Investigative Units, the North Central Regional Chapter-International Association of Auto Theft Investigators, and the Michigan Association of Vehicle Theft Investigators. She has also instructed for the National College of District Attorneys, Prosecutor's Association of Michigan, the International Association of Arson Investigators, Oakland County Community College Police Academy, and numerous police departments in Southeastern Michigan as well as a number of area high schools. She completed the National District Attorney's Association's Career Prosecutor Course in 1990 and the Experienced Prosecutor Course in 1996.

Ms. Scott is a member of the following associations:

- North Central Regional Chapter-International Association of Auto Theft Investigators
- Michigan Chapter-International Association of Arson Investigators
- Michigan Arson Prevention Committee
- Michigan Help Eliminate Auto Theft Committee

She is past Chair of the Michigan Anti-Car Theft Campaign Committee. During her years of service to the People of the State of Michigan Ms. Scott testified before the Michigan State Senate and House on various proposed legislation involving auto theft and insurance fraud.

Ms. Scott has practiced insurance defense litigation since 2009 as private counsel for various companies. During this time, she defended claims involving automobile and structure arson fires, No-Fault PIP, third party, and uninsured motorists.

After obtaining her B.A. from Michigan State University in Criminal Justice and Psychology, Ms. Scott attended Wayne State University Law School where she was the Director of the Student Trial Advocacy Program and participated in both local and national trial competitions. She was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan in 1988 and is licensed in all Michigan Courts. Ms. Scott is a member of the State Bar of Michigan and the Oakland County Bar Association where she serves on the Circuit Court Case Evaluation Committee and the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee.