



William P. Hampton

**SECRET WARDLE SENIOR PARTNER WILLIAM P. HAMPTON NAMED IN  
THE BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA© 2015 IN MULTIPLE PRACTICE AREAS**

SECRET WARDLE is pleased to announce that Senior Partner William P. Hampton was recently selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*© 2015 in the fields of Commercial Litigation, Family Law, Litigation – Land Use & Zoning, Litigation – Municipal, Litigation – Real Estate, Municipal Law and Real Estate Law. Mr. Hampton has also been recognized as a consistent and dedicated member of the law community by his inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* for at least 20 years.

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William P. Hampton has a wealth of experience not only as a lawyer, but also as a former Oakland County Circuit Court Judge and former state legislator. Although recognition in multiple practice areas is unique, Mr. Hampton's extensive expertise in his areas of recognition have been noted by his peers as his legal acumen has been built upon over the course of his distinguished career. Mr. Hampton is recognized for providing his clients with the best representation available through developing and executing proven defense strategies for municipalities, counties, school districts, universities, and state agencies across the state of Michigan.

William P. Hampton was the recipient of the Professionalism Award awarded by the Oakland County Bar Association in 2007 and received the Michael Franck Award from the State Bar of Michigan in 2010. Throughout his career, spanning 50 years, Mr. Hampton has been recognized on numerous occasions for his achievements, particularly as a leading authority in the area of municipal law. He was named "Municipal Law Lawyer of the Year" for 2012 in the State of Michigan by *Best Lawyers in America* and in 2013 was named by *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* as a "Leader in the Law." William P. Hampton is a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers, is listed in *Who's Who in American Law*® and has been named to Metro Detroit *Dbusiness* magazine's list of "Top Lawyers." Mr. Hampton has also been included in the list of Michigan *Super Lawyers*® by a vote of his peers from 2006 to 2013, consecutively.

In 2014, Mr. Hampton was recently awarded the Oakland County Bar Association's "Distinguished Career Achievement Award," which recognizes an attorney whose career exemplifies extraordinary achievement in the ideals of the profession throughout the active legal career of the recipient. Additionally on August 14, 2014, Mr. Hampton was recognized by the Bloomfield Hills Optimist Club, as he was presented with its "Respect for Law Award," honoring his position as a well-respected municipal law attorney in the community.

Mr. Hampton serves as attorney for the Cities of Bloomfield Hills and Auburn Hills, as well as for the Townships of Bloomfield and West Bloomfield.

To view additional information regarding Mr. Hampton or Secret Wardle, please visit our website at [www.secretwardle.com](http://www.secretwardle.com). To contact Mr. Hampton directly, please call 248-539-2826 or email via [whampton@secretwardle.com](mailto:whampton@secretwardle.com).