

**JEREMY S. PICKENS**  
**O'DEA, NORDEEN, BURINK AND PICKENS P.C.**

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Mr. Pickens is admitted to practice law in all Michigan state courts, and the Eastern and Western Federal Districts of both Michigan and Wisconsin. His law practice is primarily concentrated in municipal law, civil litigation, and contract formation and enforcement. Mr. Pickens is also a law professor at Northern Michigan University, teaching judicial process, torts, contract law, and legal research and writing.

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**EDUCATION**

- B.S, Double Major in Economics and Writing, Northern Michigan University, Marquette, MI, 2001.
- Juris Doctor, Michigan State University College of Law, East Lansing, MI, 2006.

**LEGAL EMPLOYMENT**

- Oct. 2013 – Present: Attorney and Partner, O'Dea, Nordeen, Burink and Pickens P.C., Marquette, MI.
- Sept. 2013 – Present: Asst. Professor, Law, Northern Michigan University, Marquette, MI.
- Feb. 2007 – Oct., 2013: Attorney, Plunkett Cooney, Marquette, MI.
- Sept. 2006 – Feb., 2007: Attorney, Craig Tank, PC, Mount Clemens, MI.
- 2005: Law Clerk for Hon. Thomas L. Solka, 25<sup>th</sup> Circuit of Michigan.
- 2004: Legal Intern, Marquette County, Michigan, Prosecutor's office.
- 2004 – May, 2006: Westlaw Research Instructor, Thompson Reuters.

**MUNICIPAL EXPERIENCE**

- Represented numerous Cities, Counties, Townships and quasi-governmental entities, including drafting municipal ordinances and Charter amendments, land agreements, contracts, Interlocal agreements, FOIA responses, public policy memorandum, grant applications, and discipline reports and investigations.
  - Litigated numerous municipal matters, including prosecution of ordinance violations, zoning enforcement actions and appeals, contract actions on behalf of municipalities, police and government official misconduct claims, FOIA disputes, Public Service Commission appeals, and Michigan Tax Tribunal appeals.
  - Negotiated and drafted numerous municipal agreements, and electricity and
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public works/service agreements, telecommunications contracts, employment and union agreements, and RFQ and RFPs.

#### **LITIGATION EXPERIENCE**

- Litigated numerous high-exposure tort, contract and property law claims in both trial and appellate courts in both state and federal court.
- Successfully tried numerous civil jury and bench lawsuits to verdict.
- Drafted and successfully argued numerous motions for summary disposition.
- Regularly advise insurance companies, municipalities and businesses on exposure of litigation and potential litigation.

#### **LEGAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- Michigan Bar Association; Current Representative Assembly member.
- Marquette County Bar Association, Former President.
- The Michigan Trial Defense Counsel, Current Regional Chair and Executive Board Member.
- The Michigan Adjusters Association, member and guest speaker.
- DRI – The Voice of the Defense Bar, member.
- Certified defense case evaluation panelist, Marquette County Circuit Court.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS**

- Named a Rising Star by Super Lawyers Magazine for his client representation in the area of insurance in 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016.
- Published numerous articles and presented seminars on various legal areas, including premise liability, no-fault, indemnification, online advertisement liability, GCL coverage, federal court civil procedure, construction law, municipal law, human resources law, and employment law.

#### **PUBLIC SERVICE**

- Northern Michigan University Alumni Board of Directors, Former President.
- Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority, Marquette City Representative.
- Marquette Parks and Recreation Board, Former Chairperson.
- Marquette Heartland Forest Ad Hoc Committee, Drafted final report.
- Certified Pro Bono Veteran's Affairs Advocate.
- NMU Provost Search Committee, Member.
- Graveraet School Parent Association, Board Member; Bothwell Middle School Parent Association.
- NMU Paralegal Advisory Committee, Board Member.