

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

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 primarily concentrate on municipal law, civil litigation, and contract formation and enforcement. Mr. Pickens is also an adjunct professor at Northern Michigan University, teaching judicial process, contract law, and legal research and writing.

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 and Pickens P.C., Marquette, MI.
- Sept. 2013 – Present: Adjunct law professor, 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, 25th Circuit of Michigan.
- 2004: Legal Intern, Marquette County Prosecutor's office.
- 2004 – May, 2006: Westlaw Research Instructor, Thompson Reuters.

MUNICIPAL EXPERIENCE

- Drafted numerous City and Township ordinances and Charter amendments, land agreements, Interlocal agreements, FOIA responses, public policy memorandum, and grant applications.
 - 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, Public Service Commission appeals, and Michigan Tax Tribunal appeals.
 - Negotiated and drafted numerous municipal agreements, including electricity and public works service agreements, telecommunications contracts, employment and union agreements, and RFQ and RFPs.
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LITIGATION EXPERIENCE

- Litigated numerous high-exposure tort, contract and property law claims in both trial and appellate courts.
- Drafted and successfully tried several civil jury cases to verdict.
- Drafted and successfully argued numerous Motions for Summary Disposition.
- Regularly advise insurance companies, municipalities and businesses on exposure of potential litigation.

LEGAL MEMBERSHIPS

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

ACHIEVEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

In 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016, Mr. Pickens was named a Rising Star by Super Lawyers Magazine for his client representation in the area of insurance coverage and civil defense litigation. He has also 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.
- NMU Paralegal Advisory Committee, Board Member.