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Short Bio on Rod L. Johnson



Drawing on nearly 20 years of experience, Rod is committed to helping families, small businesses, and nonprofit corporations succeed by providing the best possible legal services in a timely manner and with the greatest possible attention to the details that support client success and satisfaction. Rod has been acknowledged for delivering win-win outcomes in corporate litigation matters. He has a history of successfully negotiating settlements based upon sound and resourceful pretrial strategies, and winning dismissals in state and federal courts and before administrative agencies. Rod's thorough knowledge of courts, nonprofit corporations, and closely held businesses arises from nearly 20 years of successful leadership and service, including the Michigan Supreme Court and multimillion-dollar corporations where he earned a reputation for employing client retention strategies that build loyalty and enhance attorney-client relationships.

Rod's practice focuses on:

⚖ Family & Immigration Law
⚖ Asset Protection & Probate

⚖ Bankruptcy
⚖ Small Business & Nonprofit Law

Faced with budgetary deficits and public relations challenges, Rod L. Johnson has led system and operational overhauls, transformed corporate image, and reestablished profitability. Rod is a highly skilled Attorney, entrepreneur, and an experienced legal professional with an executive-level vision arising from over 20 years of combined service to individuals, courts, government agencies, and corporations. Rod combines a wealth of legal expertise with the ability to enhance marketing efforts toward closing the sale. He is a national presenter, who while serving as a Division Director at the Michigan Supreme Court, provided statewide management and technical assistance and oversight to local governments, state lawmakers, trial courts, attorneys, and countless human service organizations.

Rod was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan where he graduated from Thomas M. Cooley High School. After high school Rod served three (3) tours of duty in the United States Marines, where he volunteered for several special assignments and received numerous decorations and honors.

After his military service Rod returned to Detroit where he completed a bachelor's degree in criminal justice/psychology at Wayne State University. Prior to that, Rod majored in Asian Studies at the University of Maryland's Asian Division, where he became proficient in several languages. Rod did his graduate studies at the University of Toledo and earned a law degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School. Rod is also a graduate of the Midwest Academy, a leading national training institute that advances movements for social change by teaching a strategic, rigorous, results-oriented approach to social action and organization building. Further, Rod is Registered Securities Representative with FINRA (formerly NASD) as well as a licensed Financial Services Professional and Investment Advisor.

Rod brings nearly two-dozen years of dynamic and progressively more expansive management experience, which includes successfully leading hundreds of mission staff toward organizational objectives. Rod has spent well over a dozen years of his professional career in the service of underserved, delinquent, abused, and neglected children whom he continues to serve as an Attorney and a community volunteer.

In addition to successfully managing several human service programs, most recently, Rod served as a technical consultant to the Michigan Department of Community Health and has directed the development, maintenance, and enhancement of relationships with local, state, and federal law and policymakers on behalf of the School-Community Health Alliance of Michigan, a statewide membership organization committed to ensuring that all of Michigan's children have access to affordable and comprehensive primary healthcare.

Presently, Rod serves as a Legal Counselor to businesses and individuals in the following practice areas:

Legal Practices Areas:

- 🏢 Business Law
 - Nonprofit Law & Formation
 - For-Profit Entity Formation & Capitalization
 - Taxation
- 🏢 Asset Protection
 - Wills, Trusts, & Estate Planning
- 🏢 Family Law
 - Divorce & Child Custody
 - Child Protection & Juvenile Law
 - Immigration

Additionally, Rod serves as a Consultant for businesses and nonprofit corporations in the areas of:

Core Business Services

- 🏢 Debt Collection
- 🏢 Debt Elimination (*Verification, Validation, & Chapters 7 & 13*)
- 🏢 Corporate Entity Structuring & Maintenance Services
- 🏢 Business Succession & Continuation Planning
- 🏢 Corporate Tax Reduction Strategies
- 🏢 Employment-Based Immigration
- 🏢 Corporate Compliance
- 🏢 Human Resource Consulting
- 🏢 Employment Law (including ERISA compliance)

Ancillary Business Services

- 🏢 Strategic Planning
- 🏢 Risk Management
- 🏢 Feasibility Studies
- 🏢 Financial Resource Analysis
- 🏢 Retirement Planning, Fringe Benefit Design, & Corporate Investing Strategies
- 🏢 Corporate Finance
- 🏢 Organizational Learning & Performance Improvement
- 🏢 Contract Management
- 🏢 Grassroots, Public Policy Advocacy & Cause Marketing

Rod lives near Livonia, Michigan with his wife and daughter where he is involved in numerous civic activities.

Affiliations:

- 🏢 Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association
- 🏢 Member, State Bar of Michigan
- 🏢 Admitted to practice, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan
- 🏢 Admitted to practice, U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan
- 🏢 Holder of Dan grade registered in the Kukkiwon
- 🏢 Graduate, Midwest Academy
- 🏢 F&AM, Wayne Lodge No. 112
- 🏢 Member Attorney Network, LawGuru.com
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