

A Fireside Chat with Mike Duggan

Bringing Business Back to Detroit and How We'll Keep It

Mike Duggan is a partner at Honigman LLP, where he serves as a strategic advisor. He draws on his extensive experience and deep understanding of Michigan's government and legislative landscape. He advises on matters involving alternative dispute resolution, internal and external investigations, infrastructure and economic development initiatives, public-sector approvals, and complex political and community relations issues.

Prior to joining Honigman, Mike served as the 75th mayor of the City of Detroit, completing three four-year terms. A Detroit native, he has spent his career addressing issues affecting the city, including crime, blight, transportation, health care, and access to jobs. Before serving as mayor, Mike was the CEO of Detroit Medical Center where he led the organization through a financial turnaround and negotiated an agreement that supported significant new construction investment. He also previously served as the Wayne County Prosecutor, and before that, as Deputy County Executive.

Danielle Bass is a partner at Honigman LLP, where she is a member of the Technology Transactions and Data, Privacy and Cybersecurity Practice Groups. Danielle focuses her practice on transactional matters involving information technology, intellectual property, data, media, and entertainment, with an emphasis on commercial relationships. She regularly advises clients on AI, software licensing, technology outsourcing, and the commercialization of intellectual property and technology products and services. Beyond her practice, Danielle plays a key role in shaping the next generation of transactional attorneys. She developed and teaches a one-of-a-kind practical course on Technology Transactions at the University of Michigan Law School and the University of Chicago Law School, and also teaches Transactional Drafting at Michigan Law.

Danielle has earned widespread recognition for professional excellence, including being named Michigan Lawyers Weekly's 2024 Influential Woman of the Year, as well as a Crain's Detroit Business Notable Woman in Law, a DBusiness Top Lawyer, and a listing in The Best Lawyers in America. A member of ACG Detroit since 2015, Danielle is the current Chairwoman and has served on the organization's board of directors, chair of the NextGen committee, Programming Chair, and as President.

Danielle earned her J.D., magna cum laude and Order of the Coif, from the University of Michigan Law School, and her B.A., with distinction, from the University of Michigan.