

About the Author

A founder of Detroit-based Dalton & Tomich PLC, Daniel P. Dalton has developed a national reputation as a tenacious and strategic litigator representing clients in religious property disputes related to local churches leaving denominations and retaining property and in representing religious organizations in land use and zoning litigation.

An accomplished speaker and legal writer, Dan is the author of *Litigating Religious Land Use Cases*. Originally published by the American Bar Association in 2014 and updated for a second edition in 2016, the book is a guide for religious entities and the attorneys who represent them. He is an active member of the Michigan Bar Association and the Federal Bar Association and is a lifetime member of the American Bar Foundation. Upon graduation from law school, he was a clerk for the Michigan Supreme Court.

Among his many legal honors, Dan is a multiple Michigan Super Lawyer and Business magazine Top Lawyer honoree, recognized in the areas of zoning and land use. In 2010, he was named to the prestigious Leaders in the Law by the trade journal *Michigan Lawyers Weekly*. Dan is regularly sought out by the media for stories on his high-profile cases or topical religious land use issues and has been quoted in the *National Catholic Reporter*, *The Atlantic*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *Christianity Today*, *The Detroit News*, the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, and *The Tennessean* among others.

Dan holds a juris doctor from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, where he is a member of the Dean's Advisory Board of Directors, and a bachelor of arts degree from Western Michigan University. He is actively engaged in his church—Trinity Church, an Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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Also by Daniel P. Dalton

Litigating Religious Land Use Cases, 2014

Litigating Religious Land Use Cases, Second Edition, 2016