

# Michigan professor joins Brower at Miller Canfield

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Julian D Mortenson

A professor of law at the University of Michigan, **Julian Davis Mortenson**, has joined Miller Canfield Paddock & Stone in Detroit, where he will work alongside other law professors in the dispute resolution team, including **Chip Brower**.

A former associate at Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr in Washington, DC and New York, Mortenson joined the Michigan Law School faculty in 2009 and received the L Wright Hart award for teaching excellence in 2015. He will continue his academic duties full time alongside his new role.

Mortenson has served as arbitrator, counsel, and expert witness in commercial and investor-state disputes under the ICC, ICSID, UNCITRAL and VIAC rules. He has also been involved in US litigation seeking enforcement of foreign arbitral awards and judgments.

Outside the area of arbitration, he was one of the principal drafters of the merits briefs in the landmark US Supreme Court case of *Boumediene v Bush*, which secured the right of Guantanamo Bay detainees to challenge their incarceration.

Mortenson also represented discharged members of the US army in a challenge to the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” law that inhibited disclosure of homosexuality in the army. The law was repealed by the US congress in 2011.

More recently, he was lead counsel in *Caspar v Snyder*, which required the state of Michigan to recognise the marriages of more than 300 same-sex couples.

As well as at WilmerHale, Mortenson has worked in the President’s Office of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and as a law clerk to **Justice David Souter** of the US Supreme Court. Before law school at Stanford University, he read history at Harvard and was a management consultant with a client portfolio spanning the finance, manufacturing, oil and gas and information technology industries.

Miller Canfield has several arbitration partners who have appeared in ICC, ICDR, SCC and SIAC arbitrations and arbitration-related litigation in the US, as well as two other full-time law professors in of counsel roles.

The firm hired **Chip Brower**, the son of leading US international arbitrator **Charles N Brower**, early last year. Brower teaches international commercial arbitration, investment treaty arbitration, contracts and the law of armed conflict at Wayne State University.

Another of counsel, **Troy Harris**, is a law professor at the University of Detroit.

Miller Canfield CEO **Michael McGee** says: “As a leading international law firm with business clients engaged in transactions around the world, it’s imperative that we offer the breadth of experience that Julian brings”

“Our clients will benefit from his keen insights on every aspect of cross-border business structures and process. We’re delighted to add him to our team.”