

## **JEROME CRAWFORD**

Jerome Crawford is an attorney, actor and comedian, focusing his legal practice in compliance, corporate counseling and transactions, litigation, entertainment, and intellectual property. He is presently Senior Corporate Counsel at MAHLE Industries, Incorporated located in Farmington Hills, MI.; MAHLE is a leading international development partner and supplier to the automotive industry as well as a pioneer for the mobility of the future. Before that, he was Associate General Counsel of Horizon Global Corporation, a publicly traded company and world provider of custom towing, trailer, and cargo management products. In these corporate counsel positions, he has handled an array of international issues spanning areas such as real estate, M&A, intellectual property, product liability, employment, environmental, and corporate law.

As part of his service to the bar, Jerome is Immediate Past President of the Wolverine Bar Association & Foundation and an Executive Council Member of the State Bar of Michigan Young Lawyers Sections. Further in the SBM arena, Jerome has been a member of the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory and Character and Fitness (District I) Committees for years. Recently, he participated on a committee of SBM's 21st Century Practice Task Force. On a national level, he also serves as Co-Chair for the Men of Color Project Team of the Young Lawyers Division of the American Bar Association and is District Representative to the ABA YLD for the entire state of Michigan. He is former Vice-Chair of both the ABA YLD's Affiliate Assistance Team and Forum on Entertainment and Sports Industries.

A native Detroit, he spent his entire educational tenure in the state of Michigan, attending Michigan State University for both undergrad and law school. During law school, Jerome served in numerous roles including, notably, as Executive Director of the trial side of Moot Court and Trial Advocacy Board and Vice President of the Black Law Student Association for two consecutive terms.