

# Mark Cooney

## Associate Professor

After graduating first in his law-school class, Professor Cooney spent 10 years in private practice as a civil litigator, concentrating on appeals in legal-malpractice, medical-malpractice, and product-liability cases. Professor Cooney has successfully argued and briefed appeals in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, the Michigan Supreme Court, and the Michigan Court of Appeals. He has also chaired the Appellate Practice Section of the Michigan Bar.

Professor Cooney's articles focus on legal writing and tort law. His most recent article, *Benching the Monday-Morning Quarterback: The "Attorney Judgment" Defense to Legal-Malpractice Claims*, 52 *Wayne L. Rev.* 1051 (2006), explores the attorney-judgment defense to legal-malpractice claims, which protects attorneys from liability for informed, good-faith tactical decisions. Professor Cooney's articles on legal writing include *Get Real About Research and Writing*, 32 *Student Lawyer* 18 (May 2004), which focuses on law students' common misconceptions about the role of research and writing in practice. He has also published articles on legal writing in *TRIAL* magazine, the *Michigan Bar Journal*, and *The Scrivener*.



## Experience

Cooley Law School has a faculty that has distinguished itself in both scholarly achievement and the practice of law. Each faculty member has been selected for his or her academic background, coupled with experience as a practicing attorney.

## Inspired

"Cooley's unwavering commitment to the field of legal writing has inspired me to pursue scholarship in that area."

### EDUCATION

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

B.A. RUTGERS UNIVERSITY 1987

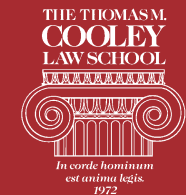
J.D., *SUMMA CUM LAUDE*, THOMAS M. COOLEY LAW SCHOOL, 1992

### COURSES

PROFESSOR COONEY TEACHES RESEARCH AND WRITING AND ADVANCED RESEARCH AND WRITING.

### BACKGROUND

PROFESSOR COONEY HAS MODERATED A NUMBER OF BAR-SPONSORED PROGRAMS ON APPELLATE PRACTICE. HE ALSO SPOKE AT THE MICHIGAN BAR'S 2004 LEADERSHIP FORUM. IN ADDITION TO CHAIRING THE APPELLATE PRACTICE SECTION OF THE MICHIGAN BAR, HE HAS SERVED ON THE SECTION'S COUNCIL AND CHAIRED THE SECTION'S FEDERAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE. WHILE IN PRIVATE PRACTICE, PROFESSOR COONEY RECEIVED THE COOLEY LAW REVIEW'S DISTINGUISHED BRIEF AWARD, WHICH RECOGNIZES THE MOST SCHOLARLY BRIEFS FILED IN THE MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT.



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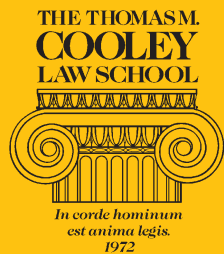
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*QUARTERBACK: THE "ATTORNEY JUDGMENT"*

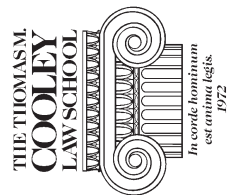
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