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I tell clients that it's my job to take the legal problems off their plate, so they can focus on their job and business. I find it extremely rewarding when I can interpret the law for my clients in a way that makes sense, and then help them strategize for greater success. I also enjoy learning about my clients' businesses. It's fascinating to learn about industries outside my own.

When I'm not working, I enjoy hiking, traveling, and obsessing over Notre Dame football (Go Irish!). I also serve on the Board of Boys & Girls Club of Grand Rapids, as well as on committees for Family Promise of Grand Rapids—both of which give me perspective and inspire me to work hard, so I can give back to others.



AREA OF PRACTICE

- Appellate Law
- Colleges and Universities
- Educational Institutions
- Energy & Natural Resources
- Labor Arbitration
- Library Law
- Oil and Gas
- Business & Commercial
- Condemnation
- Employment Litigation
- Health Care
- Labor & Employment
- Manufacturing
- Securities

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Michigan
- New York

EDUCATION

Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana, 2005
J.D.

Honors: Cum Laude

Alma College, Alma, Michigan, 2002 Bachelor of Arts
Honors: Magna Cum Laude

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

State Bar of Michigan Member

New York State Bar Association Member

Grand Rapids Bar Association, Labor and Employment Law Section Chair (2015) Secretary of Executive Committee (2011-2013)

Women Lawyers Association of Michigan Member Women Lawyers v. Judges Charity Softball Game Committee President (2010-2011) Board Member (2007-2012)

Human Resources Group of West Michigan Member

Family Promise of Grand Rapids Board of Directors (2013-2019) Committee Member (present)

Boys & Girls Club of Grand Rapids Youth Commonwealth Board of Directors (2019-present)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Selected as a member of Michigan Lawyers Weekly Class of 2018 "Women in the Law"
- Selected for inclusion in Best Lawyers in America
- Selected for inclusion in Grand Rapids Magazine's 2019, 2020 and 2021 Top Lawyers
- Selected as a 2013 "Up & Coming Lawyer" by Michigan Lawyers Weekly
- 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 Michigan Super Lawyers Rising Star
- Women Lawyers Association of Michigan, Western Region, Outstanding Member 2013