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Listening, thinking creatively, setting reasonable expectations, having legal knowledge and experience, responding promptly, appreciating the uniqueness of each individual and family—all of this is central to my approach. Family law cases can be complex and stressful, and my goal is always to protect the client's future and that of any children they have.

My ability to be successful has been enhanced by my significant involvement in local, state and national professional organizations, as well as the unwavering support of my family. In my spare time, I love to read, travel, and watch sports.

### EDUCATION

**University of Minnesota Law School**, Minneapolis, Minnesota Honors: *Cum Laude*  
**College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota**

### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

**Grand Rapids Bar Association**, Former Board Trustee, Treasurer  
**Justice Foundation of West Michigan**, Former Trustee  
**State Bar of Michigan, Family Law Section**, Former Chair and Council Member  
**State Bar of Michigan**, ADR, Litigation, Family Law, and Appellate Practice Sections, Member  
**National Association of Women Lawyers**, Past President  
**International Academy of Collaborative Professionals**, Member  
**Collaborative Divorce Professionals of West Michigan**, Member  
**Collaborative Practice Institute of Michigan**, Member  
**American Inns of Court, Gerald R. Ford Chapter**, Former Officer and Chair  
**American Bar Association**, Family Law, Litigation, and Law Practice Management Sections, Member

### HONORS AND AWARDS

- Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers
- Selected for inclusion in Best Lawyers of America for collaborative law: family law and family Law
- Selected by the State Bar of Michigan Family Law Section and ICLE for the Blaine B. Johnson, Jr. Award, 2019. The Blaine B. Johnson, Jr. Award recognizes outstanding contributions to continuing legal education.
- Named by Best Lawyers as "Grand Rapids 2022 Family Law Lawyer of Year" and "Grand Rapids 2018 Collaborative Law: Family Law Lawyer of the Year"
- Selected for inclusion in *Chambers High Net Worth Guide, Family/Matrimonial*, 2024
- Selected for inclusion in *Michigan Lawyers Weekly's "Go to Lawyers"* for Family Law
- Selected for inclusion in *Crain's Notable Women in the Law* 2024
- Selected for inclusion in *Crain's Notable West Michigan Lawyers* 2023
- Selected for inclusion in *Michigan Super Lawyers*
- Selected for inclusion in *Grand Rapids Magazine's 2019-2025 Top Lawyers*
- Selected as the winner for *West Michigan Woman's Divorce Services "Readers Choice Awards"*
- Women Lawyers Association of Michigan (WLAM) Western Region Outstanding Member Award
- Honored by *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* as one of its 20 Women in the Law 2011
- 2009 recipient of Michael S. Barnes Award

### AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Appellate Law
- Family Law
- Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution

### PRACTICE CHAIR

- Family Law
- ADR

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- Michigan, 1985
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of Michigan, 1991
- U.S. District Court Western District of Michigan, 1985
- U.S. Court of Appeals 6th Circuit, 1985
- U.S. Tax Court, 1994
- U.S. Supreme Court, 1995