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Over the years, I've had a number of clients tell me that they see me as an engineer who also happens to have a law degree. I take that as a compliment. I have made it a point to learn and understand the science and engineering behind the matters I handle, and I truly believe that understanding is essential in presenting the big picture to my clients, not just abstract legal principles.

In my leisure time, I enjoy golf, cycling, and kayaking, both with friends and my own kids. I read both fiction and non-fiction and have served for ten years as the board president of American Nepali Students' & Women's Educational Relief (ANSWER), a non-profit dedicated to educating poor and low caste children in Nepal. And yes, I have been to Kathmandu and have seen Mt. Everest, but have no interest in climbing it!

### EDUCATION

**Boston College Law School**, Boston, Massachusetts, 1979 Honors: *Cum Laude*  
**Miami University**, Oxford, Ohio, 1976 B.A., Bachelor of Arts Honors: *Magna Cum Laude*,  
 Phi Beta Kappa Major: Economics

### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

**State Bar of Michigan, Environmental Law Section and Environmental and Alternative Dispute Resolution Section**, Member  
**American Bar Association, Environment, Energy and Resources Section**, Member

### HONORS AND AWARDS

- Selected for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America and named by Best Lawyers in 2012, 2016, 2018, 2020 and 2022 as Grand Rapids' Environmental or Environmental Litigation Lawyer of the Year
- Selected for inclusion in Michigan Super Lawyers (2011-2025)
- Awarded the Grand Rapids Business Journal Legal Newsmaker of the Year for 2015
- Selected as a Leading Lawyer in 2018 for commercial litigation, environmental law, mineral and natural resource law and toxic torts defense law
- Selected for inclusion in *Grand Rapids Magazine's* 2019-2024 Top Lawyers

### AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Appellate Law
- Commercial Litigation
- Condemnation
- Environmental
- Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Oil and Gas

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- Michigan, 1981
- Wisconsin, 1979
- Ohio, 2000
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of Wisconsin, 1979
- U.S. District Court Western District of Michigan, 1981
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of Michigan, 1989
- U.S. Court of Appeals 6th Circuit, 1989
- U.S. Court of Appeals 7th Circuit, 2007
- U.S. Supreme Court, 2012