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I have practiced law at Mika Meyers for over 35 years and enjoy it immensely. Commercial litigation and land use litigation keep our business transactions fair and our land use decisions reasonable. Government officials and business leaders need smart, practical legal advice. It is an honor to work in our courtrooms, boardrooms, and township halls finding solutions to complex issues.

When not engaged in law, I like spending time with my family and friends in Grand Rapids or at our cottage up north. I also relax by reading fiction, history, philosophy, and religion. Other hobbies include football, hunting, fishing, and running.

EDUCATION

The University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1988 Honors: *With Honors*
Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1984 B.A., Bachelor of Arts Honors: *With Honors*

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Grand Rapids Bar Association
American Bar Association
State Bar of Michigan
Ada Township Supervisor, November 2020–November 2024
Ada Township Planning Commission, Former Long-Term Board Member/Chair
Kent County Building Authority, Former Long-Term Board Member/Vice Chair
Ada Christian School Board, Former Board Member/Executive Committee
Grand Rapids Christian School Association, Former Member Board of Trustees/ Long Range Planning Committee
Grand Rapids Christian High School Board, Former Board Member/Chair
Madison Square CRC, Former Deacon/Construction Committee Chair/ Legacy Board
Neland Avenue CRC, Elder
Calvin University, Former Parent Council Board Member

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Selected for inclusion in Best Lawyers in America
- Named by Best Lawyers in America as Grand Rapids' 2022 Municipal Law Lawyer of the Year and Grand Rapids' 2015 Land Use and Zoning Law Lawyer of the Year
- Selected for inclusion in *Crain's* Notable Litigators and Trial Attorneys
- Selected for inclusion in *Grand Rapids Magazine's* 2019–2024 Top Lawyers
- Selected for inclusion in Michigan Super Lawyers
- AV rated by Martindale Hubbell

AREA OF PRACTICE

- Banking and Commercial Lending
- Business & Commercial
- Commercial Litigation
- Criminal Law
- General Legal Counsel
- Municipal Litigation
- Ordinance Enforcement and Prosecution
- Personal Injury and Wrongful Death
- Real Estate
- Zoning and Land Use Planning

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Michigan, 1988
- U.S. District Court Western District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit