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One of the many rewards of my practice is learning about what my clients accomplished during their lifetimes. Listening to their stories – each unique in its own way – provides an interesting window into people’s lives, and I don’t take this aspect of my job for granted. Our Firm really does “get” our clients and having conversation is where this understanding begins.

In my spare time, I am a board member for Sunset Retirement Communities, which ties directly to my knowledge of complex estate planning, probate litigation, trust administration, probate administration, and elder law.

### EDUCATION

**Michigan State University**, College of Law, East Lansing, Michigan  
**Calvin College**, Grand Rapids, Michigan

### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

**State Bar of Michigan** Probate, Estate Planning and Real Property Sections Member  
**American Bar Association**, Member  
**Grand Rapids Bar Association**, Member  
**West Michigan Estate Planning Council**, Member  
**Sunset Retirement Communities**, Board Member

### HONORS AND AWARDS

- Selected for inclusion in Best Lawyers in America
- Selected for inclusion in *Grand Rapids Magazine’s* 2019–2024 Top Lawyers
- Michigan Super Lawyers Rising Star, 2009 to 2013

### AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Elder Law
- Estate and Trust Planning
- Probate and Trust Administration
- Probate and Trust Disputes
- Tax

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Michigan