

# James F. Scales

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Since 1987, my law practice has involved me in real estate, construction, estate planning, and property taxation matters. I also have extensive experience in municipal law, zoning, utilities, and related issues. And though much has changed over the years, I still thoroughly enjoy serving my clients and helping them overcome challenges.

Outside of law, I am actively involved in many civic and service organizations, where I enjoy giving back to the community that's done so much for me.

### **EDUCATION**

**The University of Michigan Law School,** Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1987 Honors: *Cum Laude* **Michigan State University,** East Lansing, Michigan, 1984

#### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

City of Rockford Planning Commission, Member Rockford Education Foundation, Past President Rockford Sports Boosters, Past President

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

- Selected for inclusion in Best Lawyers in America
- Named by Best Lawyers in America as "2019 Grand Rapids Real Estate Law Lawyer of the Year"
- Selected for inclusion in Grand Rapids Magazine's 2019, 2020 and 2021 Top Lawyers

### **AREA OF PRACTICE**

- Business Succession Planning
- Educational Institutions
- Elder Law
- Estate and Trust Planning
- General Legal Counsel
- Municipal Litigation
- Zoning and Land Use Planning
- Real Estate

### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

Michigan, 1987

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