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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.



AREAS OF PRACTICE

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

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Michigan, 1987

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