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As a Real Estate Paralegal, I utilize my experience as being a Licensed Title Examiner and a former Licensed State Loan Officer to assist the firm's business, real estate and energy attorneys. My goal is to provide accurate and helpful data and prepare the needed documentation for the firm's clients, so they can achieve their goals.

I recently moved to Grand Rapids from Northern Colorado. In addition to my work as a title examiner, I also attended some flight school, which is still a work in progress as a hobby. Some of my fun hobbies outside of work consist of snowboarding, traveling, flying, biking, funny jokes, singing, acting, camping, fishing, video games, and many more.

### AREAS OF PRACTICE

— Real Estate

— Energy & Natural Resources

— Business & Commercial

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

**Grand Rapids Bar Association, Board Trustees 2021–2022; Treasurer 2013–2015** Family Law and Litigation Sections ADR Section  
**Justice Foundation of West Michigan** Trustee, 2021–2022  
**State Bar of Michigan, Family Law Section** Former Chair and Council Member  
**State Bar of Michigan, ADR, Litigation Sections, Appellate Practice** Member  
**National Association of Women Lawyers** Past President, 2001–2002  
**International Academy of Collaborative Professionals** Member  
**Collaborative Divorce Professionals of West Michigan** Member  
**Collaborative Practice Institute of Michigan** Member  
**American Inns of Court, Gerald R. Ford Chapter** Former Officer and Chair  
**American Bar Association, Family Law, Litigation, Law Practice Management** Sections

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers
- Selected for inclusion in Best Lawyers of America for collaborative law: family law and family Law
- Selected by the State Bar of Michigan Family Law Section and ICLE for the Blaine B. Johnson, Jr. Award, 2019. The Blaine B. Johnson, Jr. Award recognizes outstanding contributions to continuing legal education.
- Named by Best Lawyers as “Grand Rapids 2022 Family Law Lawyer of Year” and “Grand Rapids 2018 Collaborative Law: Family Law Lawyer of the Year”
- Selected for inclusion in Michigan Super Lawyers
- Selected for inclusion in Grand Rapids Magazine’s 2019, 2020 and 2021 Top Lawyers
- Women Lawyers Association of Michigan (WLAM) Western Region Outstanding Member Award
- Honored by Michigan Lawyers Weekly as one of its 20 Women in the Law 2011
- 2009 recipient of Michael S. Barnes Award

## PRACTICE CHAIR

- Family Law
- ADR

## PUBLICATIONS

- Co-Author of “Handing a Divorce Case in Michigan,” The Institute of Continuing Legal Education (ICLE), April 2021 Update
- Contributing Author, “Motions During Trial,” a chapter in the 1999–2018 ICLE publications Michigan Civil Procedure
- Contributing Author, Chapters in the ICLE publication Causes of Action Formbook relating to Contracts, Adverse Possession and Boundary Line Disputes.
- Author, State Bar of Michigan Litigation Section Newsletter article concerning changes in the Michigan Court Rules governing mediation