

## 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 2019-2023 Top Lawyers

### AREAS 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