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Listening, thinking creatively, setting reasonable expectations, having legal knowledge and experience, responding promptly, appreciating the uniqueness of each individual and family—all of this is central to my approach. Family law cases can be complex and stressful, and my goal is always to protect the client's future and that of any children they have.

My ability to be successful has been enhanced by my significant involvement in local, state and national professional organizations, as well as the unwavering support of my family. In my spare time, I love to read, travel, and watch sports.

EDUCATION

University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis, Minnesota Honors: *Cum Laude*
College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Grand Rapids Bar Association, Board Trustees, Treasurer
Justice Foundation of West Michigan, Trustee
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
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 *Crain's* Notable Women in the Law 2024
- Selected for inclusion in *Crain's* Notable West Michigan Lawyers 2023
- Selected for inclusion in Michigan Super Lawyers
- Selected for inclusion in Grand Rapids Magazine's 2019-2023 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

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Appellate Law
- Family Law
- Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution

PRACTICE CHAIR

- Family Law
- ADR

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Michigan, 1985
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of Michigan, 1991
- U.S. District Court Western District of Michigan, 1985
- U.S. Court of Appeals 6th Circuit, 1985
- U.S. Tax Court, 1994
- U.S. Supreme Court, 1995