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My contracts professor in law school once remarked that attorneys were the grease in the gears of commerce. Those words stuck with me throughout my career. I pride myself on getting things done for my clients with a minimum of conflict and stress. Whether it's a business transaction, a real estate matter, or assisting a governmental agency in accomplishing its goals, a satisfied client is my greatest professional satisfaction.

Away from work, I enjoy sailing on the Great Lakes during the summer months and skiing in the winter. My indoor time is spent listening to music of all kinds and tackling my long reading list. I also enjoy the time I am able to devote to the various artistic and charitable activities that abound in our community.

EDUCATION

The Ohio State University, J.D., 1978 Honors: *With Honors*

Methodist Theological School in Ohio

Grand Valley State University, William James College, B.S., 1975

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association: Corporation, Banking, Business Law, Urban, State, and Local Government Law sections

State Bar of Michigan: Public Corporation, Business Law, and Health Care Law sections

Manistee Bar Association, President

Michigan Township Association

Michigan Municipal League

American Health Lawyers Association

County Road Association of Michigan

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Listed in Best Lawyers in America
- AV Rated by Martindale-Hubbell

AREA OF PRACTICE

- Appellate Law
- Business & Commercial
- Condemnation
- Environmental
- Health Care
- General Legal Counsel
- Municipal Litigation
- Oil and Gas
- Public Utility Systems
- Real Estate
- Zoning and Land Use Planning

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Michigan, 1979
- U.S. District Court (Eastern Michigan), 1979
- U.S. District Court (Western Michigan), 1980
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit Court, 2000