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Education

University of Tennessee College of Law
Knoxville, Tennessee
J.D., *cum laude*, 2004
Tennessee Judicial Conference Scholarship Recipient
McClung Medal for Excellence in Moot Court
Tennessee Bar Association Student Volunteer of the Year

Georgetown University
Washington, District of Columbia
B.A., History, 2000

Legal Employment

Varnum
Grand Rapids, Michigan 2007
Associate

Garan Lucow Miller, P.C.
Grand Rapids, Michigan
Associate, 2005-2007

Eldridge & Blakney, P.C.
Knoxville, Tennessee
Law Clerk, October 2004 - December 2004

Ritchie, Fels & Dillard, P.C.
Knoxville, Tennessee
Law Clerk, May 2002 - May 2004

Alaska Public Defender Agency
Palmer, Alaska
Summer Intern, May 2003 - August 2003

Admitted to Practice:
Michigan Courts
Michigan Supreme Court
United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

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Practice Areas

Litigation

Professional Affiliations

Federal Bar Association

American Bar Association (Litigation Section; Tort, Trial & Insurance Section)

State Bar of Michigan

Grand Rapids Bar Association

Community Involvement

Health Intervention Services (Board)

Leadership Grand Rapids, Class of 2011

Inforum (Executive member)

Representative Matters

Representing private investors with securities claims against registered representative, broker dealer and insurers.

Representing a catastrophically-injured minor in his appeal before the Michigan Supreme Court against his automobile insurer for the denial of no-fault insurance benefits.

Representing 13 individuals who suffered personal injuries in a train accident in Chicago, Illinois.