

# JOHN W. ALLEN



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## Education

University of Michigan Law School  
Ann Arbor, Michigan  
J.D., 1972

University of Michigan, College of Literature, Science and the Arts  
Ann Arbor, Michigan  
B.A., 1969

University of Michigan Estate Planning Award, 1972

## Legal

### Employment

Varnum  
Kalamazoo, Michigan 1998  
Partner

Admitted to Practice:  
All State, Federal and Circuit Courts in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Florida, Minnesota  
and Wisconsin  
United States Supreme Court  
United States Tax Court  
United States Court of Federal Claims  
Court of Appeals for Federal Circuit

### Practice Areas

Commercial Law and Litigation-40 years

## Honors

### Certifications

National Board of Trial Advocacy (NBTA) (Board Certified Civil Trial Advocate)

American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)

Martindale-Hubbell Rated, AV® Preeminent™

Certified in Advanced Alternative Dispute Resolution

# JOHN W. ALLEN

Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2007

Listed in Michigan *Super Lawyers*®

## Professional Affiliations

State Bar of Michigan (Michigan Taskforce on Attorney-Client Privilege, Co-Chair 2006 – 2008; Grievance Committee, Chair, 2001 – 2006; Ethics Committee, 1996 – 2000, Chair, 1998 - 2001)

American Bar Association (Professionalism/Ethics Committee, Chair, 2002 – Present; Ethics 2000 Advisory Committee; ABA Standing Committee on Ethics and Professionalism, Liaison; ABA Standing Committee on Lawyer Professional Liability, Liaison; ABA Taskforce on Attorney-Client Privilege, Liaison)

Federal Bar Association (Special Workgroup on Attorney-Client Privilege, 2006 – 2009; West Michigan Chapter, President, 2005 - 2006; West Michigan Chapter, Treasurer, 2003 – 2004)

### Alternative Dispute Resolution:

Certified Arbitrator, American Arbitration Association (AAA)

- Commercial Division
- Construction Division
- Uninsured Motorists
- Legal Malpractice

Certified Mediator, University of Windsor

- United States District Court Western District of Michigan (Neutral)
- Kalamazoo County, Michigan Circuit Court (Commercial Panel)
- Michigan Medical Malpractice (Neutral)

## Community Involvement

Kalamazoo County Chamber of Commerce (Chair, 1996 - 1997)

Golf Association of Michigan (Board of Governors)

Michigan PGA and USGA (Tournament Rules Official)

## Military

United States Judge Advocate General Corps (JAGC)

Captain

U.S. Army Reserve, 1971 - 1979

## Personal

### **Children:**

Margaret (University of Michigan, B.A., 2000; Northwestern University of Law, J.D., 2004; Lawyer in Dallas, Texas)

Tom (University of Michigan, B.A., 2004; Michigan State University of Law, J.D., 2007; Lawyer, Kalamazoo, Michigan)

Anne (University of Michigan, B.A., 2006; John Marshall Law School, J.D., 2011)

## **JOHN W. ALLEN**

### **Hobbies**

Michigan PGA, Honorary Member

Greater Kalamazoo Golf Hall of Fame (Inducted 2003)

USGA Championship Committee (Senior Amateur)

Auto Restoration (1963 Corvette)