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Education

University of Notre Dame Law School
Notre Dame, Indiana
J.D., *cum laude*, 1982
Member and Editor, *Notre Dame Law Review*
Recipient, William J. Brennan Law Scholarship

Calvin College
Grand Rapids, Michigan
B.A., 1979

Legal Employment

Varnum
Grand Rapids, Michigan 1982
Partner
Management Committee Member, 2000 - 2003
Practice Group Chairs Committee Member, 2007 - 2011
Chair, Real Estate Practice Group, 2003 - present

Admitted to Practice:
United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan
All Michigan state courts

Practice Areas

Real Estate Law, including acquisitions and dispositions, leasing, financing, construction, commercial and residential development, condominium development, environmental, municipal land use issues, statutory regulations, and remedies.

Honors

Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Real Estate Law, 2007 – present

Listed in *Michigan Super Lawyers*, Real Estate, 2006 – present

Selected as one of Top 10 Lawyers by *Grand Rapids Magazine* (November 1998)

Listed in *Who's Who in American Law* (7th and later editions)

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Martindale-Hubbell Rated, AV® Preeminent™

Michigan State Bar Foundation, Fellow

Professional Affiliations

International Council of Shopping Centers

Building Owners and Managers Association of West Michigan

Commercial Alliance of Realtors

Grand Rapids Bar Association (Real Property Section, Founding Member and
Chairman, 1995 - 1996)

American Bar Association (Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section,
Ground Leasing Committee)

State Bar of Michigan (Real Property Section, Commercial Leasing Committee,
Co-chair, 2007 - present; Condominium Committee)

Community Involvement

Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts,
Capital Campaign Finance Team (2010)

Community Circle Theater (Board Member, 2005 - 2007)

State Bar of Michigan Access to Justice Capital Campaign (Regional Chair,
2004 - 2007)

Legal Aid of Western Michigan (President, 1999; Board Member, 1998 -2001)

Cherry Street Health Services (Treasurer, 1997; Board Member, 1995 - 1998;
Heart of the City Health Center Campaign Cabinet, 2010)

Dwelling Place of Grand Rapids (President, 1993; Board Member, 1988 -1994)

Habitat for Humanity of Grand Rapids (President, 1990 - 1991; Board Member,
1988 - 1992)

Publications and Presentations

"Overcoming Hurdles in 'Closing the Deal': How a Broker Can Facilitate a
Signed Lease, a Rent-Paying Tenant, and a Well-Earned Commission,"
International Council of Shopping Centers, Novi, Michigan (February 2012)

"Leasing Fundamentals," Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Plymouth,
Michigan (May 2011)

"Issues in Re-tenanting Surplus Retail Space," International Council of
Shopping Centers, Novi, Michigan (January 2011)

"Legal Perspectives on Leasing in Troubled Times," International Council of
Shopping Centers West Michigan Alliance, Grand Rapids, Michigan (March
2010)

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"Key Shopping Center Leases – It's a Whole New World," Panel Moderator, International Council of Shopping Centers, Novi, Michigan (January 2010)

"Anatomy of a Shopping Center Lease: Exclusive Use Clauses," International Council of Shopping Centers, Novi, Michigan (April 2009)

"Land Contracts and Seller Financing in the Current Economy," Commercial Alliance of Realtors, Grand Rapids, Michigan (March 2009)

"Reviewing an Office Lease from a Tenant's Perspective," Grand Rapids Bar Association (May 1998)

"Mastering Real Estate Titles and Title Insurance in Michigan," National Business Institute, Inc. (February 1996, April 1995)

"Michigan Boundary Law," National Business Institute, Inc. (January 1991)

"Special Considerations in Commercial Real Estate Transactions," State Bar of Michigan (September 1990)

"Sale of Commercial Real Estate: Financing," ICLE (April 1989)

"Representing the Buyer in a Commercial Real Estate Transaction," Grand Rapids Bar Association (January 1989)

Representative Matters

Representation of developers of office buildings, industrial facilities, shopping centers, business condominiums, and other commercial facilities

Representation of investors in acquisition, disposition and financing of investment properties (apartment complexes, office buildings, retail facilities)

Representation of residential developers, including traditional condominiums and site condominiums

Representation of businesses in leasing, acquisition, disposition, and financing of corporate, commercial and industrial real estate

Representation of institutions and municipalities in real estate transactions

Counsel and advise clients with regard to land use issues, environmental issues, construction issues, corporate issues, tax issues and estate planning issues in relation to real estate matters