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Education

University of Michigan Law School
Ann Arbor, Michigan
J.D., *cum laude*

University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan
M.A. and B.A., with high distinction

Legal Employment

Varnum
Grand Rapids, Michigan 1984
Partner

Practice Areas

Estate Planning, Trust Administration, and Probate

Professional Affiliations

Michigan Estate Planning and Probate Council (2003 – 2010, Treasurer,
2009 - 2010)

Michigan Uniform Trust Code Committee (2003 – 2010; Co-Drafter of
Michigan's new Trust Code)

State Bar of Michigan

Grand Rapids Bar Association

American Bar Association

Michigan Women Lawyers Association

Western Michigan Estate Planning Council (past Officer)

Honors

Listed in *Michigan Super Lawyers* (2005 – present)

Listed in Top 50 Michigan Women *Super Lawyers* 2009

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Listed in Top 100 *Michigan Super Lawyers* 2009

Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® (1993 – present)

Featured in *Grand Rapids Magazine* - Top 10 Lawyers in Grand Rapids

Fellow, American College of Trust and Estate Counsel

YWCA TRIBUTE - Professions Award

Publications

"Estate Planning under the Michigan Trust Code," *Michigan Probate and Estate Planning Journal*, to be published winter 2009

"Spousal Elective Rights", *Michigan Revocable Grantor Trusts*, Institute of Continuing Legal Education, updated 2008

"The New Michigan Patient's Rights Act", *Michigan Bar Journal*, Vol. 70, No. 6, June 1991

"Recent Developments on the 'Right to Die' in Michigan", *Michigan Probate and Estate Planning Journal*, vol. 10, No. 2, Winter 1991

"Spousal Elective Rights Under Revocable Grantor Trusts", *Michigan Bar Journal*, Vol. 9, No. 4, Summer 1990

"Living Wills and Durable Powers of Attorney Authorizing Medical Treatment Decisions", *Michigan Bar Journal*, Vol. 64, No. 7, July 1985

Community Involvement

Michigan Women's Foundation, Power of 100 Women

Grand Rapids Community Foundation (Board of Directors; Resource Committee, past Chair)

Leadership Grand Rapids

Huntington Women's Advisory Council (past member)

Van Andel Institute Resource Development Council (past member)

Porter Hills Foundation (Board of Directors, past member)

Spectrum Health Care Foundation (past member, Board of Directors, past Vice Chair; Professional Advisory Committee, past Chair)

Butterworth Hospital (Board of Trustees, past member)

St. Cecilia Society (Board of Directors, past member)

Planned Parenthood (Board of Directors, past Chair)

Fountain Street Church (past Governing Board Chair)