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University of Alberta
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B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1980

Legal Employment

Varnum
Grand Rapids, Michigan 1983
Partner

Practice Area

Public Finance; Chairperson of the firm's Finance Specialty Area

Professional Affiliations

State Bar of Michigan (Taxation and Public Corporation Law Sections)

Grand Rapids Bar Association

National Association of Bond Lawyers

Michigan Council of School Attorneys

Michigan Women in Finance (President, 2009-2010; Board of Directors, 2005-2010)

Honors

Listed in the publication, *The Best Lawyers in America*®, since 2003

Listed in the publication, *Super Lawyers*

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Representative Matters

Listed in The Bond Buyer's Municipal Marketplace (the "Red Book") with bond opinions accepted by regional and major money center financial institutions

Serve as bond counsel, underwriter's counsel and borrower's counsel for 501(c)(3) bond issues and industrial development revenue bond issues through Michigan Strategic Fund, Michigan Finance Authority and local economic development corporations

Serve as tax counsel for tax-exempt financing transactions

Serve as bond counsel to municipalities in the issuance and sale of special assessment bonds, revenue bonds, refunding bonds, building authority bonds, transportation fund bonds, tax increment bonds and general obligation bonds

Serve as bond counsel to school districts and community colleges for issuance of building and site bonds, refunding bonds, energy conservation improvement bonds, tax anticipation notes and state aid notes

Advise municipal clients concerning downtown development authority, tax increment finance authority, local development finance authority and brownfield redevelopment authority matters

Advise municipal clients concerning building authority organizational and financing issues

Advise municipal clients and private companies on Act 198 and other economic development incentives

Advise municipal and school district clients on election law issues for voted bonds and millage increases and renewals

Representation of municipal clients on special assessment issues and proceedings

Advise clients on truth-in-taxation and Headlee rollback issues

Representation of municipal and school district clients on tax-exempt installment purchase transactions and governmental lease purchases