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Melissa N. Collar leads Rockford Construction's legal team, providing counsel for the company's real estate development, architecture, construction, brokerage and property management arms. She serves as a member of the executive leadership team and Board of Directors, works with the CFO on Rockford's risk management activities and assists with the company's strategic plan. Melissa's role includes establishing and maintaining strategic relationships with clients, partners and governmental entities. She also serves on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion leadership team and acts as the supervising Associate Broker for Rockford's two brokerage companies.



Michael S. Hale, J.D., CPCU, AAI. Michael Hale is a principal with the insurance and risk management firms 360 Risk Management Inc. and Clairmont Advisors LLC, both based in Northville, Michigan. He is also the founder of the law firm of Hale & Hirn PLLC, which specializes in insurance and risk management matters. A 1994 graduate *cum laude* of Michigan State University School of Law, he started his legal career in 1994 with the law firm of Plunkett & Cooney, P.C. with a practice concentration on insurance coverage matters. Michael has been retained as an expert witness in over two hundred cases involving insurance coverages and agent errors and omissions issues since 2000 and is regularly consulted by attorneys throughout the United States on related issues. Hale has earned the nationally recognized certifications of Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) and Accredited Advisor in Insurance (AAI).

As an attorney, he has represented both insurance companies and policyholders in coverage matters. He was named Leader in the Law by *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* in 2017 and 2008. Hale has been published in many legal and insurance publications, including *The Michigan Bar Journal*, *Michigan Lawyers Weekly*, and *The CPCU Journal*.

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William A. Horn of Mika Meyers, received his bachelor's degree with honors from the University of Wisconsin and graduated cum laude from the University of Wisconsin Law School. Bill specializes in environmental, oil and gas, eminent domain, water and riparian rights, land use and public utility law, as well as civil and administrative litigation, and has been representing and counseling private and public sector clients in these areas since 1982. In addition to having served as an adjunct professor for a law school course on environmental law, Bill has spoken at seminars sponsored by the Institute for Continuing Legal Education, Grand Rapids Bar Association, Michigan Oil & Gas Association, International Right-of-Way Association and Society of Professional Engineers, and has written articles for local, state and national publications.

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William E. Hosler of Williams Williams Rattner & Plunkett has nearly 30 years of experience in general civil litigation and business law. His practice focuses on real property, title insurance, and municipal law. Mr. Hosler has represented national, regional, and local title insurance companies (both underwriters and agents) in complex litigation involving title and escrow matters, regulatory compliance, business formation and administration, and creation of joint ventures and related affiliations. He has successfully represented developers, homeowner's associations, real estate salespersons and brokers, and individuals in all manner of real property disputes including construction litigation, condemnation and eminent domain actions, breach of contract, trespass, boundary line encroachment, elimination and creation of easements, and valuation claims. His real estate experience extends to zoning and general municipal law matters, including serving as the Township Attorney for a local community, including serving as the Township Attorney for a local community, and as a City Commissioner for another.”



Aileen Leipprandt is a partner with Hilger Hammond. She focuses her practice in the area of construction law and complex real estate and commercial litigation. She lectures and writes on topics including Construction Contract Drafting, Construction Disputes (Delays, Change Orders, Defective Work), the Construction Lien Act, the Builders Trust Fund Act and MIOSHA Compliance. Working in her family's hardware business taught Aileen from an early age the value of hard work, honest business dealings and creative problem solving. With that backdrop, Aileen brings more than 25 years of experience to the table. A critical thinker and problem solver, Aileen's passion is in developing, sharpening, and implementing strategies that efficiently meet client's legal, financial and relational goals. If litigation becomes necessary, Aileen brings her intensity to the courtroom and will mix it up with the best of them. She is an exercise and outdoor enthusiast, embracing the challenge of an uphill run, a downhill ski slope, or a tiny green guarded by menacing bunkers.



Jason C. Long is an attorney with Williams Williams Rattner & Plunkett, PC, in Birmingham, Michigan. He practices in the areas of eminent domain, property taxation, and other real estate litigation, as well as appellate litigation. In eminent domain, Mr. Long has represented both governmental agencies and property owners, handling cases in Michigan circuit courts, the Court of Appeals, and the Supreme Court. He is a frequent author on eminent domain, state and local tax issues, and other topics pertaining to Michigan real estate law. Mr. Long is an honors graduate of Oakland University and the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, studied at the University of Michigan Ross School of Business, and served as a judicial clerk to the Hon. Michael F. Cavanagh at the Michigan Supreme Court.



Jerome P. Pesick is a shareholder of Williams, Williams, Rattner & Plunkett, P.C. in Birmingham, Michigan. His practice areas include eminent domain, condemnation, land use, and property taxation. During his over 40 years in practice, Mr. Pesick has successfully tried and settled hundreds of condemnation cases throughout the State of Michigan. He has also regularly represented clients in major property tax appeal cases involving all types of business properties throughout Michigan. Mr. Pesick has been selected by his peers to be included in the 2007 through 2022 editions of “The Best Lawyers in America” in the specialties of eminent domain and condemnation law. He was also selected by Best Lawyers as the **Eminent Domain and Condemnation Lawyer of the Year in 2011 and 2014** for the Detroit area, **“2016, 2018, 2019 and 2020”** for the Troy area, and most recently the **2022 Real Estate Lawyer of the Year** for the Troy area. Michigan Super Lawyers”

has recognized Mr. Pesick as one of the top attorneys in Michigan from 2006 through 2021, and five times has included him in the “Top 100 Michigan Lawyers.” Mr. Pesick’s memberships include: **State Bar of Michigan**, where he is a Member of the Sections on Litigation and Real Property Law. He is a past Chair of the Real Property Law Section, and served as Chair of the Real Property Law Section’s Eminent Domain Committee for seven consecutive years; **American Bar Association**, where he is a Member of the Section on Litigation; and Committee on Real Estate, Condemnation and Trust Litigation; and the **Oakland County Bar Association**. Mr. Pesick is also the author of several articles on eminent domain, and is a frequent speaker, instructor, and lecturer at state and national eminent domain conferences.



Ronald M. Redick of Mika Meyers practices primarily in the areas of municipal, real property and appellate law, with a focus on land use and riparian rights litigation. He speaks annually at seminars on Michigan land use and zoning laws, riparian rights, and other aspects of surface water-related property rights. He is enthusiastic about riparian rights and other aspects of water rights law, and finds it greatly satisfying to help clients understand and protect these important property rights. Ron has been selected for inclusion in *Grand Rapids Magazine’s* list of Top Lawyers in 2019, 2020, and 2021. He is also a Trustee for the Grand Haven Charter Township, which is a new position he entered after serving 13 years as Chairperson of the Township Planning Commission.



Donald Rump is corporate counsel for eTitle Insurance Agency in Troy. This year marks over 40 years for him in the title industry, and during 37 of those years he also maintained a private law practice. Donald started his career as an abstractor/examiner covering nearly every county in Michigan’s lower peninsula. He has been on both the underwriter and the agency side of the equation. He is a licensed attorney, licensed title producer, licensed builder, and licensed real estate broker.



Peter H. Webster of Dickinson Wright PLLC focuses his practice in the areas of Real Estate Litigation, Zoning and Land Use Law, Eminent Domain, and Commercial & Business Litigation. Mr. Webster represents businesses, landowners, developers, governmental authorities, utilities, educational entities and others in matters involving acquisitions, easements and rights of way condemnation under eminent domain, permit and development rights and the protection of property rights. His clients include the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner, Oakland County Road Commission, FCA US LLC, and Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership. He has been selected by his peers to be included in the “Best Lawyers in America” and “Michigan Super Lawyers.” He is an adjunct professor at the Wayne State University Graduate School of Urban Planning. He serves on the State Bar of Michigan Civil Procedure & Courts Committee. He is a co-chair of the State Bar of Michigan Real Property Section, Eminent Domain Committee and a Fellow of the Oakland County Bar Association, and the State Bar of Michigan. He is a former Chairperson of the Michigan State Board of Ethics. Mr. Webster serves as the Chairperson of the Oakland County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.