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Mark Allard, Varnum, focuses on litigation of insurance, ERISA, and commercial/business matters. He is a partner in the firm's Litigation Practice Group, and he is the practice area leader in insurance coverage litigation on behalf of insureds and ERISA litigation. Mr. Allard specializes in suing insurance companies when they have failed to pay valid claims pursuant to insurance coverage issued by the insurance company.

Mr. Allard is also the firm's lead attorney in litigation matters dealing with employee benefit claims pursuant to ERISA. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the State Bar of Michigan, the Grand Rapids Bar Association, the Washington State Bar Association, and the Oregon State Bar Association. Mr. Allard is also the past president of the board of directors of the American Cancer Society.



Melissa Collar, Warner Norcross & Judd practices in the areas of real estate and construction. Ms. Collar assists clients in the acquisition, development, construction, leasing, and sale of real property. She regularly prepares architect and construction contracts for owners, architects, and contractors; condominium documents; tax incentive and abatement applications; and leases. In addition, Ms. Collar handles Land Division Act documentation and real estate brokerage matters. Also a

licensed real estate broker, she is chairperson of the firm's Construction and Condominium Practice Groups. Ms. Collar is current Chair in the State Bar of Michigan's Real Property Law Section. A member of the American Bar Association and the Grand Rapids Bar Association, she is a frequent speaker for ICLE and other professional groups.



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.



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,

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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 a shareholder with Steinhardt Pesick & Cohen, PC, in Birmingham. He represents clients confronting property tax issues and has dealt with issues including principal residence exemptions; transfers of ownership; valuation; exemptions for religious, charitable, agricultural, and other uses; taxation of governmental property; errors in billing; tax foreclosure; incentives and cancellation of incentives; and many others. Mr. Long has represented clients including municipalities and property owners, and has done so before municipal bodies and circuit courts across the State, the State Tax Commission, the Tax Tribunal, the Court of Appeals, and the Supreme Court. He is an honors graduate of Oakland University and the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, studied real estate development at the University of Michigan Ross School of Business, and is a former judicial clerk at the Michigan Supreme Court.



Gregg A. Nathanson is a shareholder of Couzens, Lansky, Fealk, Ellis, Roeder & Lazar, P.C., who concentrates his practice in the areas of real estate, business, finance, environmental and corporate law. He is a prolific publisher and speaker concerning real estate matters, including service as an editor or advisor for the Michigan Institute of Continuing Legal Education and the Michigan Land Title Association regarding real estate matters. Mr. Nathanson graduated from the University of Michigan College of Literature, Science, and the Arts (1980) and the New York University School of Law (1984). After practicing law in Manhattan, Mr. Nathanson relocated to Michigan. Mr. Nathanson served as development editor of the ICLE publication, *Michigan Residential Real Estate Transactions* and published the chapter on Closings. Mr. Nathanson served as a member of the Board of Directors of Habitat for Humanity of Michigan. He is now a member of the Board of Directors of the Michigan Commercial Board of Realtors and chairs its forms committee.



Jerome P. Pesick is the managing shareholder of Steinhardt Pesick & Cohen, P.C.. His practice areas include eminent domain, condemnation, land use, and property taxation. During his over 35 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 2018 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 "2011 and 2014 Eminent Domain and Condemnation Lawyer of the Year" for the Detroit

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area, and "2016 and 2018" for newly designated Troy area. He was selected by "Michigan Super Lawyers" as one of the top attorneys in Michigan in 2006 through 2018, has been included four times in the "Top 100 Michigan Lawyers," and was named one of the "Top 50 Michigan Business Lawyers" in 2013. Mr. Pesick's memberships include: State Bar of Michigan, where he is a Member of the Sections on Litigation and Real Property. He is a past Chair of the Real Property Law Section, served as Chair of the Real Property Law Section's Eminent Domain Committee for seven consecutive years, and is also a Member of the Section's State and Local Taxation Committee; 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, appellate and administrative law, with a focus on zoning litigation, land use and riparian rights litigation, and also general civil litigation. He has published articles on manufactured housing and exclusionary zoning, the Open Meetings Act and public universities, and has authored presentations for the Labor and Employment Section of the American Bar Association on the topic of due process and government employment. He speaks annually at seminars on Michigan land use and zoning laws, and has conducted additional seminars for planners and municipal officials on numerous municipal topics, including zoning, the Open Meetings Act, the Freedom of Information Act and recall elections. Ron is also the Trustee for the Grand Haven Charter Township, which is a new position he entered after serving 13 years as Chairperson of the Township Planning Committee.



Mark Van Allsburg of Myka Meyers is a member of the Grand Rapids Bar Association and the State Bar of Michigan (former Chairman of the State Oil and Gas Law Committee), the Michigan Oil and Gas Association and the Michigan and American Associations of Professional Landmen. Mark is a past chairman of the firm's Management Committee. He specializes in oil and gas law, local government law (former Chairman of the firm's local government group) and real estate law. Mark works extensively with oil and gas exploration companies with regard to exploration, production and transactional matters and represents numerous municipalities, particularly with regard to matters involving zoning and planning. Mark has received the highest professional rating by Martindale-Hubbell (AV Preeminent).



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 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, State Bar of Michigan and the American Bar Association. He is the Chairperson of the Michigan State Board of Ethics and the Oakland County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.