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Erica N. Payne, Program Chair, of Kendricks, Bordeau, Keefe, Seavoy & Larsen, is a native of Crystal Falls. She graduated summa cum laude from Finlandia University and earned her law degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School. She has a general practice with a diverse background in the law that includes real estate, probate and trust administration, and civil litigation in these areas. She is also trained as a general civil mediator and domestic relations mediator.

Friday, March 13, 2020

Dan Buchanan is Vice President and Senior Title Counsel in the Corporate Underwriting Department of First American Title Insurance Company. At First American, Dan’s duties include establishing and communicating underwriting practices and policies, making underwriting decisions on high liability transactions, and assisting underwriters in resolving title issues, for both the Company’s direct operations and for underwritten title agents. He also supports First American’s national escrow operations and assists in dealing with complex escrow questions and the development of escrow procedures. Dan represents First American on the American Land Title Association’s Forms Committee, Title Counsel Committee and Native Lands Committee. He is also active in the California Land Title Association, serving on the Board of Governors and its Executive Committee, the Forms & Practices Committee, and the Legislative Committee.

Bruce Goldman, Supervising Assistant Corporation Counsel, City of Detroit.

Saturday, March 14, 2020

Brandon J. Evans, is a shareholder with the Kendricks Bordeau law firm in Marquette, MI. He has a general practice with an emphasis on real estate, mining, minerals, title examination, and civil litigation. Brandon has been active in the state bars of Michigan and Wisconsin. He is currently a past chair and voting member of the Governing Council of the Litigation Section of the State Bar of Michigan, the current chair of the Editorial Board of the Wisconsin Lawyer (the monthly magazine of the State Bar of Wisconsin), a member of a Michigan Supreme Court forms committee, and a member of the Character and Fitness Committee
of the Michigan Bar. Prior to returning home to join Kendricks Bordeau in 2012, Brandon spend four years working nearly exclusively on two related federal CERCLA cases concerning the PCB cleanup of the Lower Fox River, which at the time was an ongoing Superfund site and anticipated to be the largest environmental dredging project ever undertaken.

Catherine A. Riesterer co-founded Cooper & Riesterer, PLC, a business and real estate law firm in Brighton, in 2000. She is also a member of the Select Counsel Network. Cathy has over 30 years of experience across a broad range of corporate and real estate issues, including a specific expertise in franchising. She handles all real estate issues, and helps builders and developers navigate the regulatory and documentation needs for commercial and residential developments. She assists businesses with everything from initial startup planning and ongoing contractual needs to termination or sale. Cathy will also take on business and real estate litigation where the matters are complex, interesting or otherwise note-worthy. Cathy’s history includes serving as Assistant General Counsel for Domino’s Pizza International where her primary responsibility was supporting their international expansion efforts. During her 9 years there, Domino’s grew from 20 to 60 international markets.

Dana A. Thompson is a clinical professor of law and directs Michigan Law’s Transactional Law Clinics Program, the Community Enterprise Clinic, and the Entrepreneurship Clinic. She is the founding director of Michigan Law’s Entrepreneurship Clinic, where she represents University of Michigan student-led startups and other start-up ventures. Prior to the Entrepreneurship Clinic, she taught in the Law School’s Urban Communities Clinic, where she represented small businesses, start-up ventures, and community-based organizations, primarily in Detroit.