

On December 11, 2017, **Crain's Detroit Business** published personal profiles of the members of its inaugural class of **Notable Women Lawyers in Michigan**. The women lawyers featured were selected based on their career accomplishments, their involvement in nonprofits and community organizations, and evidence that they mentor others in their field, as outlined in an extensive nomination form that was written with the help of experts in the legal community.

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Wendy Zabriskie

Bodman PLC

Title: Member

Company: Bodman PLC, Troy

Education: Wayne State University Law School, 1991

Three years ago, Wendy Zabriskie became managing partner of her firm's Troy office, where she leads the commercial finance team. Her role includes representing banks in multimillion-dollar and smaller transactions throughout the U.S. In the past couple of years, Zabriskie has negotiated and closed more than 100 real estate and commercial lending transactions.

Projects range from large portions of The District Detroit to a microbrewery and bike shop. She also has represented financial institutions connected to construction of Inco Corp.'s 135,000-square-foot headquarters in Auburn Hills, a 192-unit apartment complex in Ann Arbor and a luxury condominium project in Birmingham.

Zabriskie serves her community as well. She's a member of the Birmingham Brownfield Development Authority and has supported the Evans Scholarship program.

In addition, Maryanne Dunleavy, managing director of commercial banking for Chemical Bank, said Zabriskie was the first person her daughter thought of when she started the mock-trial team at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills.

"Without hesitation, Wendy committed a significant amount of time and worked to organize the team and lay out a plan to learn about the law and have fun competing in the courtroom," Dunleavy said. "In fact, several of the young women have decided to pursue a career in law because of their experience with the team and Wendy personally."