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Ms. DeFrain has moved to of-counsel status after practicing since 1981 and as a member of the Bodman High Net Worth Practice Group since 2005. Ms. DeFrain concentrated her practice in the areas of estate planning, estate and gift taxation, and probate administration.

During her career, she was an adviser to individuals and families on a variety of personal and related tax matters. She continues to participate in the firm's representation of certain clients.

In addition, Ms. DeFrain has experience in the tax exempt area, including qualified retirement plans under ERISA, private foundations and public charities.

Ms. DeFrain served on the Executive Board of Trustees for On My Own of Michigan, a private, nonprofit organization that helps adults with mild developmental disabilities become independent, social, and contributing members of the community. She has also served on the Executive Board of Directors of the Friends of the Johnson Nature Center in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, for many years.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITION

- *The Best Lawyers in America 2025-2027*, Trusts & Estates
- *DBusiness* Magazine "Top Lawyers" 2019-2021, Trusts and Estates

CIVIC, CULTURAL, AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- On My Own of Michigan, Board of Trustees

practices & industries

Trust and Estate Litigation

High Net Worth

education

Washington University School of Law, J.D.

Wellesley College, B.A., with honors

admissions

Michigan

court admissions

U.S. District Ct., E.D. Mich.

- Board of Trustees, 2011-2017
- Secretary, 2011-2017

- Friends of the Johnson Nature Center, Executive Board of Directors, 2005-2016

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- State Bar of Michigan
  - Elder Law & Disability Rights Section
  - Probate & Estate Planning Section
  - Taxation Section