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Rachael W. Roseman represents clients in a variety of litigation matters, primarily focused on probate and commercial disputes.

She has successfully represented clients through all types of probate proceedings, disputes, and litigation matters, including guardianships, conservatorships, limited guardianships, and probate and trust disputes. Rachael has prosecuted and defended claims related to undue influence, lack of testamentary capacity, and breach of fiduciary duties. She counsels and represents both individuals and entities in probate court. She also has extensive experience in conducting comprehensive analyses of complex legal issues. She has counseled numerous clients in commercial disputes and assisted them through every stage of the litigation process, including strategy, discovery, settlement negotiations, and trial.

Before joining Bodman, Rachael was a shareholder at a West Michigan-based business law firm where she handled probate litigation and a variety of commercial litigation matters including noncompetition matters, contract disputes, real estate, employment and shareholder disputes, and automotive industry matters.

As a law student, Rachael served as a law clerk for the Hon. David M. Murkowski and Hon. Patricia D. Gardner of the 17th Circuit Court for Kent County, Michigan. She was the editor-in-chief for the *Michigan State Law Review* and received the Jurisprudence Achievement Award which is awarded to the highest achieving student for three courses.

practices & industries

Trust and Estate Litigation

Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution

High Net Worth

education

Michigan State University College of Law
J.D. *summa cum laude*

Grand Valley State University, B.S., *magna cum laude*

admissions

Michigan

court admissions

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

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

HONORS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITION

- Crain's Grand Rapids Notable Women in Law, 2026
- The Best Lawyers in America® 2027, Commercial Litigation, Litigation-Trust and Estates, Trust and Estates
- Grand Rapids Top Lawyers 2024-2025, 2027, Litigation-Commercial
- Crain's Grand Rapids Notable Litigators and Trial Attorneys" 2025
- *Michigan Rising Stars* 2018-2026, Civil Litigation: Defense, Estate & Trust Litigation
- *Michigan Lawyers Weekly*, 2019 Up & Coming Lawyer

CIVIC, CULTURAL, AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- West Michigan Estate Planning Council
- Hillman Advocacy Program
  - Volunteer Expert Witness
- Wedgewood Christian Services
  - Foundation Board Member

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- State Bar of Michigan
- Institute for Continuing Legal Education
  - Author and Contributor (2014-present)

PUBLICATIONS

- "Construction, Reformation, Termination of Governing Instruments," *Michigan Probate Litigation*, *Third Edition*, ICLE (2023)
- "Probate and Related Petitions," *Michigan Causes of Action Formbook*, *Second Edition*, ICLE (2020)
- "When Autonomous Vehicles Take Over the Road: Rethinking the Expansion of the Fourth Amendment in a Technology-Driven World," *Richmond Journal of Law & Technology* (2013)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Presenter, "Future-Proofing the Estate Plan," 32nd Annual Drafting Estate Planning Documents seminar, ICLE (February 2023)