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J. Grant Semonin specializes in complex litigation areas, including municipal, zoning and land use, civil rights, employment, constitutional, commercial, and insurance defense matters. He is licensed in Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan.

Before joining Bodman, Grant was an associate for a Midwest law firm where he represented and advised a variety of clients including insurers, businesses, governmental agencies, and individuals. In this role, he drafted pleadings, motions, and briefs at both the trial and appellate levels in state and federal courts, including the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

As a law student, Grant served as Executive Notes Editor of the *Notre Dame Journal of Legislation* and competed as an oralist on the ABA team of the Notre Dame Moot Court Board. He received the International Academy of Trial Lawyers Award for Excellence in the Art of Advocacy.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITIONS

- *Grand Rapids Magazine* Top Lawyers 2025, 2027, Litigation-Commercial

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Indiana State Bar Association
- State Bar of Michigan
- Illinois State Bar Association

practices & industries

Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution

education

University of Notre Dame Law School, J.D., *cum laude*

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, B.A., *cum laude with High Distinction*

admissions

Illinois

Indiana

Michigan

court admissions

U.S. Ct. of Appeals, 6th Cir.

U.S. District Ct., N.D. Ind.

U.S. District Ct., S.D. Ind.

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

- Berrien County Bar Association
- St. Joseph County Bar Association

PUBLICATIONS

- Author, "The "Party Aggrieved" Requirement: How Courts Evaluate Standing for Purposes of a Zoning Appeal," State Bar of Michigan's The Litigation Journal (Summer 2025)
- Note, "For the Forgiveness of Sins": A Comparative Constitutional Analysis and Defense of the Clergy-Penitent Privilege in the United States and Australia, 47 *J. Legis.* 156 (2021)

PRO BONO

- State Bar of Michigan 2026 A Lawyer Helps Pro Bono Honor Roll