

## Carrie E. Trimpe

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Carrie Trimpe focuses her practice on estate planning, including wills, trusts, and powers of attorney, probate and trust administration, and probate and trust litigation. She serves clients using a holistic approach, examining all angles and options to determine the best course of action for each client's unique circumstances.

Her services include developing and drafting estate plans based on client goals and expectations and assisting with trust funding and titling issues. She also assists clients with probate and trust administration including probating estates, assisting with the management and administration of trusts, and representing clients in connection with trust and estate disputes.

Carrie takes the time to fully inform her clients of their rights and responsibilities under the law and the options available to them so that they can make informed decisions. She often assists individuals during challenging or unsettling times and works diligently to help them achieve the best possible outcome.

### practices & industries

High Net Worth

### education

Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude*

Davenport University, B.S., with High Honors

### admissions

Michigan

### court admissions

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

Carrie also has experience representing business clients, including owners of closely-held family businesses, in corporate law matters. She has represented corporate clients in connection with business formation and organizational issues, drafting and reviewing transactional documents, advising on legal compliance, and advising on business succession planning, among other areas.

Carrie graduated in the top 5% of her class at Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School. While in law school, she earned several academic honors, including the Leadership Achievement Award and Jurisprudence Awards in Evidence, Scholarly Writing, Pretrial Skills, and Appellate Advocacy. Carrie was also a national competitor at the Stetson University College of Law National Pretrial Competition.

She earned her undergraduate degree in Paralegal Studies from Davenport University in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where she played basketball for four years and ran track for one year. Carrie then worked as a paralegal for three and a half years, gaining diverse legal experience before attending law school.

She is admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan.

Carrie is a former member of the Board of Directors of Glass Art Kalamazoo, a nonprofit that works with schools, businesses, and other nonprofits to educate the community in the glass arts. When Carrie is not practicing law, she enjoys spending time with her family, participating in sports, traveling, and photography.

## HONORS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITION

- *The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch 2022-2025*, Trusts and Estates
- *Grand Rapids Magazine* Top Lawyers 2022-2024, Trusts & Estates
- *Michigan Rising Stars 2021-2024*, Estate & Probate

## CIVIC, CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- West Michigan Estate Planning Council

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- State Bar of Michigan
- Institute of Continuing Legal Education (ICLE)
  - Author and Contributor, 2023

## CERTIFICATIONS

- Certificate in Probate & Estate Planning (ICLE)

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Presenter, "Drafting for Disinheritance," 32nd Annual Drafting Estate Planning Documents Seminar, ICLE (February 2023)

## PRO BONO

- State Bar of Michigan 2023 A Lawyer Helps Pro Bono Honor Roll