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Alexandra Markel represents a variety of business clients in complex commercial litigation matters, including antitrust matters, insurance and ERISA disputes, contract matters, and a broad range of other commercial and business disputes.

She is also a significant contributor to Bodman's pro bono program. Ms. Markel frequently represents pro bono clients in connection with expungement screenings under Michigan's new "Clean Slate" statute and in matters involving constitutional and prisoner rights issues.

Before joining Bodman as an attorney, Ms. Markel worked at the firm as a summer associate, gaining exposure to a broad range of clients and legal issues. She has served as a judicial intern with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, in the chambers of Judge Robert Cleland. Prior to returning to Michigan for law school, Ms. Markel worked as a government relations analyst with a Houston-based liquefied natural gas export company in Washington, D.C.

During her time at the University of Michigan, Ms. Markel was active in the law student community. She was a student attorney in Michigan Law's Federal Appellate Litigation Clinic, and was Associate Editor and Editor-in-Chief of the *Michigan Journal of Gender and Law*. She participated in the Campbell Moot Court Competition and several various oral advocacy competitions, of which she finished as a quarterfinalist for the University of Michigan 1L Oral Advocacy Competition and won the State Bar of Michigan 1L Oral Advocacy Competition. As a member of Law Students for Reproductive Justice, she served as Communications Chair.

practices & industries

Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution

education

University of Michigan Law School, J.D.

University of Michigan, B.A.

admissions

Michigan

court admissions

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

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

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

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

Outside of the legal community, Ms. Markel has been riding horses for over 20 years. At the University of Michigan, she was a varsity member of the UM Intercollegiate Polo Club. Recently, she earned the Bronze Medal Rider Award with the United States Dressage Federation.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITION

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* 2022-2027, Commercial Litigation
- *Michigan Rising Stars* 2022-2026, Business Litigation

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Defense Research Institute
  - Young Lawyers Vice Chair, DRI Life, Health, and Disability Committee

PUBLICATIONS

- Editor, *ABA ERISA Survey of Federal Circuits*, 2024 and 2026 editions, chapter on the Sixth Circuit
- Editor, *The Law of Life Insurance*, 2026 edition, chapter on the Sixth Circuit
- Assistant Editor, *ABA ERISA Survey of Federal Circuits*, 2018, 2020, and 2022 editions, chapter on the Sixth Circuit

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- “Recent Transitions: Legal Developments in Gender-Affirming Care,” DRI Life, Health, Disability and ERISA Seminar, April 9, 2025
- "Friends with Benefits: Offsets, Subrogation, and Other Income-Related Complications," DRI Life, Health, Disability and ERISA Seminar, April 26, 2023

PRO BONO

- State Bar of Michigan 2025 A Lawyer Helps Pro Bono Honor Roll
- Representative Pro Bono matter:

Celina Grimes and Alexandra Markel Successfully Win Pro Bono Settlement Case

Celina Grimes and Alexandra Markel achieved a successful settlement for pro bono client Freedom Cleaning Company LLC, a metro-Detroit cleaning and maintenance company. The case began after a hotel that Freedom Cleaning serviced failed to pay the client for their services and in turn breached the agreed contract.

Celina and Alex worked as a team filling the lawsuit on behalf of the client with Celina serving as the primary contact for the negotiations and handling client communication so the client, who is a non-native English speaker, could easily comprehend the legal proceedings. In October, the hotel agreed to a settlement for the amount owed, making our client very happy with the result.