

Carol A. Rosati

Carol A. Rosati is a founding and managing shareholder of the firm, and is in charge of its day-to-day operations. She is considered one of the top attorneys in the State of Michigan in the area of zoning and land use defense for municipalities. She is admitted to all state and federal courts in the State of Michigan, as well as the United States Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati, Ohio. She is the primary defense counsel for the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority in this area of practice, and also serves as both general counsel and special counsel for a number of municipalities. Ms. Rosati has published several articles, is a frequent speaker at conferences at both the state and national level in her area of practice, and has appeared as a speaker on training tapes which have been distributed nationwide.



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Practice Areas

- Municipal Law
- Zoning/Land Use
- Constitutional Law/Civil Rights
- Prosecution/Ordinance Enforcement
- Real Estate
- Insurance Defense
- Appellate Advocacy

Education

- BA – Michigan State University Honors College – December 1976
- JD – Wayne State University Law School – June 1980

Professional Activities/Memberships

- Chair of the Bloomfield Township Zoning Board of Appeals
- Member of the Council for the Public Corporation Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan from 1990 to present
- Secretary/Treasurer of the Public Corporation Law Section - 2002 - 2003
- Vice-Chair of the Public Corporation Law Section - 2003 - 2004
- Chair of the Public Corporation Law Section - 2004 - 2005
- Former Chair of the Zoning Committee of the Public Corporation Law Section
- Former Chair of the Municipal Law Committee of the Oakland County Bar Association
- Former Vice-Chair of the Alternate Dispute Resolution Committee of the Oakland County Bar Association
- State Bar of Michigan
- American Bar Association
- American Bar Foundation - Fellow

- Oakland County Bar Association - Lifetime Fellow

Awards

- 2017 – Designated Lawyer of the Year by Best Lawyers in the area of Litigation-Municipal for Troy
- 2016 - Designated Lawyer of the Year in Municipal Law by Best Lawyers
- 2013-2017 - Listed in The Best Lawyers in America in the area of Municipal Law
- 2010-2016 - Named in The Top 50 Women Lawyers in Michigan by Thomson Reuters
- 2013-2015 - Named in The Top 100 Lawyers in Michigan by Thomson Reuters
- 2010-2017 - Designated Super Lawyer by Thomson Reuters in the area of land use/zoning and municipal law
- 2010-2017 - Named Top Lawyer by DBusiness and Hour Magazine in the areas of land use/zoning, municipal law and constitutional law.
- 2014-2015 - Named in The Top 25 Business Women in Michigan by Thomson Reuters (formerly Law & Politics)
- 2013 - Selected for Best Attorneys in Michigan by American Registry
- 2013 - Named Top Rated Lawyer in Energy Environmental and Natural Resources by American Lawyer Media and Martindale-Hubbell
- 2013 - Selected as 2013 Top Rated Lawyer in Land Use and Zoning by American Lawyer Media and Martindale-Hubbell
- 2012 - Named by Lawyers Weekly as one of the Top 20 Women Leaders in the Law
- 2007 & 2009 - Named in the Top 50 Women Lawyers in the State of Michigan by Law & Politics
- 2006 - 2009 - Designated Super Lawyer by Law & Politics in the area of land use/zoning and municipal law
- 2006 - Distinguished Municipal Attorney Award presented by the Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys

Publications/Presentations

- Presenter at ICLE's 2017 Land Use Update Webinar
- Co-Author of an article for the Michigan Public Risk Management Association August 2016 newsletter, entitled: "The 'Sign' of Change: The Impact of *Reed v Town of Gilbert* on Local Sign Regulations."
- Presenter at the MIPRIMA Conference on November 5, 2015 at the Inn at St. Johns on a review of land use litigation issues.
- Speaker at the Annual MTA Township Attorney Seminar on the new cases and statutes in the area of land use, 2012
- Chapter Author, Michigan Municipal Law, published by ICLE, 2012
- Co-Author, Michigan Zoning, Planning and Land Use, published by ICLE, 2008, updated annually
- Published article in Public Corporation Law Quarterly on the current status of the ripeness doctrine
- Published article in Laches regarding the measure of damages in regulatory takings cases
- Published article in Public Corporation Law Quarterly regarding Federal Fair Housing Act and the regulation of adult foster care homes
- Speaker at the National PRIMA Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio and Baltimore, Maryland - Anatomy of a Lawsuit
- Speaker at the National PRIMA Conference in San Diego, California - Land Use Regulation
- Speaker at the National AGRIP Conference in Savannah, Georgia - Land Use Regulation
- Has spoken on the topic of zoning and land use regulation throughout the State of Michigan at various groups including the Michigan Township Supervisors, Michigan Township Association, and the Michigan Society of Planning Officials, as referenced in "Firm News" section

- Routinely presents seminars to municipalities throughout the State of Michigan to assist in the education of governmental officials, employees and consultants
- Speaker at the MMRMA Winter meeting, 2011 - Medical Marijuana: Land Use and Law Enforcement Issues

ICLE (Institute of Continuing Legal Education) Courses Taught

- Litigation with State and Local Governments: Current Issues 12/07/93
- Land Use and Development 2003 - 09/25/03
- Land Use and Development 2004 - 10/14/04
- Land Use and Development 2005 - 09/16/05
- Hot Topics in Municipal Law - 02/15/06
- Land Use and Development 2006 - 09/07/06
- Land Use and Development 2007 - 09/18/07

Community Service

- Charter Township of Bloomfield Zoning Board of Appeals, Member