

MICHELLE FRANCES KITCH

EDUCATION:

University of Michigan – Ann Arbor, Michigan..... 1980
BACHELOR OF ARTS

Oxford University, New College – Oxford, England..... 1979

Detroit College of Law – Detroit, Michigan..... 1983
JURIS DOCTORATE

EXPERIENCE:

2006-Present

RHOADES McKEE PC
161 Ottawa Avenue, N.W., Suite 600
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503
SHAREHOLDER

PRACTICE AREAS

- Construction litigation, Business and Commercial litigation and Tort litigation, including a specialty in defense of food industry liability issues

NATIONAL COORDINATING COUNSEL FOR MAJOR FORTUNE 100 CORPORATION SINCE 1999-2008

- One of four outside attorneys selected for position
- Oversaw handling of litigation by other counsel in the region
- Presenter at numerous conferences for client since 1997

PANEL COUNSEL FOR OTHER CORPORATIONS

1999-2006

BETZ & BLOSS, P.C.
5005 Cascade Road, S.E., Suite A
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546
SHAREHOLDER

1994-1999

MORRISON, MAHONEY AND MILLER, LLP
Park Central Bldg., 5800 Foremost Drive, S.E., Suite 203
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546
PARTNER

DURING THIS TIME, RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- TIG Insurance Company – National Subrogation Program
 - Personally selected to oversee program
- Nationwide Insurance Company of America – National Subrogation Program
 - Responsible for full administration of program
- Nationwide Insurance Company – National Subrogation Program
 - Firm selected as one of three firms to handle all subrogation claims over \$100,000 on a national basis

EXPERIENCE (cont'd):

- 1983-1994 **DENENBERG, TUFFLEY & JAMIESON, P.C.**
2851 Charlevoix Drive, S.E., Suite 300
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506
SHAREHOLDER FROM 1988-1994
- 1982 **DICE, SWEENEY, SULLIVAN & FEIKENS, P.C.**
Detroit, Michigan
LAW CLERK
- 1981 **WAYNE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT**
Detroit, Michigan
COURT CLERK'S OFFICE
- 1980 **KITCH, SUHRHEINRICH, DRUTCHAS, WAGNER AND KENNEY, P.C.**
Detroit, Michigan
LAW CLERK
- 1978 **MICHIGAN FELONY SENTENCING PROJECT**
Lansing, Michigan
RELIABILITY CODER

BAR ADMISSIONS:

- State of Michigan November 10, 1983
- United States District Court, Eastern District, Southern Division..... 1984
- United States District Court, Western District, Southern Division 1986
- United States Court of Appeals Sixth Circuit..... 1992
- Pro Hac Vice Admissions in States of Ohio, New York and Indiana

MEMBERSHIPS:

- State Bar of Michigan
- Grand Rapids Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute
- Michigan Defense Trial Counsel
- Western Michigan Federal Bar Association

HIGHLIGHTS OF SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:

- Developments in liquor liability 1991
- Recognition of potential subrogation recovery..... 1993
- Developments involving dram shop litigation..... 1993
- Insurance law update 1994
- Developments in liquor liability 1994
- Overview of liquor and social host liability 1996
- Michigan premises liability law 1996
- Evaluation of traumatic brain injury claims 1997
- Multi-topic property insurance seminar..... 1998
- Subrogation and property insurance seminar 1998
- Investigation and pursuit of subrogation claims 1998
- Numerous presentations for Fortune 100 corporate client.....since 1997
- Playground liability issues.....2000
- Crisis Management2002
- Construction defects2003

HIGHLIGHTS OF SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS (cont'd):

- Product liability issues..... 2003
- Product and premises liability issues..... 2004
- Product liability issues..... 2004
- Investigation of product liability claims 2005
- Premises liability issues..... 2006
- Commercial contracting 2009

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for Kent County Circuit Court, Family Law Division since 2002

SPECIAL AWARDS:

- Selected as a 2007 **Michigan Super Lawyer** by *Law & Politics Magazine*
- To be published in 2007/2008 *Cambridge Who's Who Among Executive and Professional Women Registry, "Honors Edition"*
- Nominated by Kent County CASA Program for 2008, State of Michigan Governor's Service Award

REFERENCES:

- Available upon request