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Because of the close relationships Mischa Boardman has with her clients, she works even harder to deliver the best possible results in their business disputes, commercial litigation, and eminent domain matters.

She can achieve these outcomes because she knows her clients, their business strategies, and can tailor the legal strategy to support and accommodate their goals. She invests herself deeply and personally – for her, the client's problem is her problem.

Mischa is adept at taking on complicated issues, distilling them to their simplest forms, and developing practical strategies to drive the solutions her client desires. Her communications require no prompting. Anticipating their needs, Mischa ensures her clients have the right information at the right time to align internal and external stakeholders with the latest information available and, more importantly, knows how it impacts their strategy. She is process-driven and knows how to navigate issues fluidly to instill peace of mind. She creates a seamless interface with her clients to reduce stress and unnecessary activities.

Perhaps the best example of Mischa's abilities and talents is seen in her representation of the nation's largest independent electric transmission company. To build its infrastructure and expand the service it offers its customers, Mischa and her team of attorneys worked arm-in-arm with the company over several years to help it grow and achieve its short- and long-term objectives.

Mischa has represented individuals, municipalities, and companies across a variety of industries, including publicly traded REITs, Fortune 500 corporations, and small businesses in commercial, property, construction, intellectual property and eminent domain disputes. We all have blind spots and Mischa makes it her mission to identify them and prevent or avert unwelcome surprises. Simply put, Mischa has your back.

Mischa has also garnered the respect of her peers in the practice. In August 2015, Michigan Lawyers Weekly selected Mischa for its annual class of "Women in the Law," an honor recognizing her professional accomplishments, commitment to her clients, charitable and community involvement, and the new trails she has blazed for women in law and business. She has been a named Michigan Top Lawyer and a Michigan Super Lawyer, and frequently speaks to industry associations and professional groups on legal topics.

Throughout her entire legal career, Mischa has called Zausmer home, and considers herself fortunate to collaborate with a team of the smartest, most dedicated, and most talented attorneys she knows and the clients whose trust they earn every day. Among her management responsibilities, she leads the firm's marketing and associate development efforts.

Mischa earned her undergraduate degree, *with honors*, from the University of Michigan, where she was also a James Angell Scholar. She remained in Ann Arbor for law school, earning her Juris Doctor from the University of Michigan Law School in 2000.

An avid Wolverine football and basketball fan, Mischa continues to live in Ann Arbor with her husband and two daughters.



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PRACTICE AREAS

Appellate
Automotive Industry
Business & Commercial Litigation
Eminent Domain
Energy Infrastructure
Real Property

EDUCATION

University of Michigan Law School, Juris Doctor, 2000
University of Michigan, Bachelor of Arts in Sociology,
with honors, 1997 James Angell Scholar

BAR ADMISSIONS

State of Illinois
State of Michigan

PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

International Right of Way Association
Co-chair, Legal Affairs Committee, Michigan Chapter
County Road Association
Advancing Women in Energy

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

"Do You Hate Lawyers? Learn to Love Them and Create a Cohesive Team in the Process," *Right of Way* (IRWA Magazine), May/June 2018
"Who Owns that Tree? Legal Issues Regarding Tree Removal in the Right-of-Way, Crossroads (Quarterly Journal of the County Road Association of Michigan), Spring 2018
"Just Compensation: the Art of Winning," *Right of Way* (IRWA Magazine), January/February 2018
"The Nuts and Bolts of Drafting Easements: Writing Easements that can Withstand the Rigors of Eminent Domain," *Right of Way* (IRWA Magazine), November/December 2017

VOLUNTEER & COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Charter Member, Michigan State University College of Social Science Consortium on Female Leadership
City Year Detroit, Women's Leadership Breakfast Host Committee
University of Michigan Center for Education of Women Scholarship Committee

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

"BEAD is coming to your ROW: The Broadband Equity Access and Deployment Program," County Road Association of Michigan, December 2023
"What's Above The Glass Ceiling," CenterForce Driving Diversity in Law and Leadership Summit, April 2023
"Complex Questions of Just Compensation and Relocation," IRWA, International Education Conference, June 2022
"Gordie Howe International Bridge Project," American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials Conference, April 2022
"Gordie Howe International Bridge Symposium," IRWA, Region 5 Fall Forum, October 2022
"Litigating Tricky Compensation Issues on the Gordie Howe International Bridge Project," IRWA (Michigan Chapter), November 2021
"Building a Better Workplace: Strategies for Creating and Implementing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Initiatives," Association of Corporate Counsel, October 2020
"Understanding and Analyzing Telecommunication Property Rights," IRWA International Electric and Utilities Committee, September 2020
"Do You Hate Lawyers? Learn to Love Them and Create a Cohesive Team in the Process," IRWA, 64th International Education Conference, June 2018, Edmonton, Alberta
"From Legislation to Litigation: Michigan's 'Thumb Loop' Transmission Line," IRWA, 63rd International Education Conference, June 2017, Anchorage, Alaska
"Easement Drafting Nuts & Bolts," IRWA's 2nd Annual International Electric & Utility Symposium, Chicago, IL, April 2017
"Eminent Domain – Practice and Pitfalls," Institute of Continuing Legal Education, December 2014

HONORS & AWARDS

Notable Women in Law by Crain's Detroit Business – 2024
Avvo Top Rated Lawyer
Top Women Attorneys in Michigan – 2021 and 2022
2021 Top Rated Lawyers – *Corporate Counsel*
Super Lawyers (Michigan) – 2017 – Present
DBusiness Magazine Top Lawyers – 2018
Michigan Lawyers Weekly "Women in the Law" – 2015
Michigan Top Lawyers – 2015 and 2017



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