

## **MEGAN MAHER BRENNAN**

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### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

***Certified Civil Case Mediator and Owner, Brennan Mediation, PLLC*** **2018-present**  
***Livonia, MI***

-Certification in Civil Case Mediation, *National Judicial College*, University of Nevada, 2019  
-Associated with *Michigan Judicial Alternative Dispute Resolution, PC (MI-JADR)*, dedicated to providing efficient, high-quality, neutral mediation and arbitration services to parties involved in civil litigation in state and federal court

***Circuit Court Judge, Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan*** **2006-2018**  
***Detroit, MI***

-Presided over trial court proceedings in the Wayne County Circuit Court, the largest court in the State of Michigan

\*Became only judge on bench of 58 judges to serve in all four Divisions of the Court:  
Civil 2016-2018, Criminal 2013-2015, Family 2007-2012, Juvenile 2006

-Appointed to:

\**Court Executive Committee*, 2006-2007, 2009-2012

\**Court Docket Review Committee*, 2007-2012, 2014-2015

\**Court Security Committee*, 2011-2018

-Handled specialized, solution-oriented dockets:

\**Single-Judge Grand Jury Fast-Track Trial Docket* 2014-2015

\**Felony Non-Support Docket* 2011-2015

\**Personal Protection/Domestic Violence Docket* 2007-2012

-Appointed to the *State Bar of Michigan Solutions on Self-Help Task Force*, dedicated to expanding coordinated assistance for self-represented persons appearing in all Michigan courts, included the development and launching of the *Michigan Legal Help* website and establishment of various legal self-help centers around the state, 2010-2012

-Appointed Project Chair, *Wayne County Legal Self-Help Center Project*, which established the County's first legal self-help center for low-income citizens, located in the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center in Detroit, 2010-2012

-Appointed Co-Chair, *Wayne County Family Court Mediation and ADEPT Parenting Programs*, dedicated to expanding mediation services and improving parenting skills for parties, especially during early stages of litigation, 2008-2012

***Assistant Attorney General (Senior Trial Attorney)*** **2003-2006**  
***Michigan Department of Attorney General***  
***Detroit, MI***

-Represented the *Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA)* in judicial and administrative proceedings, including handling claims of appeal in tax and benefit cases; actions to collect unpaid employment taxes or benefit overpayments; administrative hearings on issues related to tax liability, tax fraud, tax rates, corporate successors, and covered services; tax and benefit appeals before the Michigan Employment Security (MES) Board of Review; actions to defend Agency interests

in foreclosure actions, judicial sales, and probate estates; actions under the MES Act relating to confidentiality and privilege, enforcement of administrative subpoenas, enforcement of tax levies, liens, and bank warrants; miscellaneous litigation involving civil rights, wrongful discharge, or wage/hour actions brought by Agency employees

-Responsible for conducting legal research, drafting legal opinions, citizen letter responses, and Freedom of Information responses, and providing day-to-day legal counsel and training for Agency management and staff

***Attorney and Owner, Law Office of Megan Maher Brennan, PC* 1994-2003**  
***Grosse Pointe Park, MI***

-Established and managed a private practice focusing on civil litigation and advising business and individual clients in employment, civil rights, corporate, and real estate law  
-Provided litigation support and counsel on day-to-day employment matters, including drafting and reviewing personnel policies, management practices, employment applications, position descriptions, collective bargaining agreements, and employment-related contracts and releases

***Adjunct Professor, Madonna University Graduate School of Business* 2000-2003**  
***Livonia, MI***

-Taught business law classes to MBA students; Courses covered business organizations, civil procedure, contracts, torts, property, antitrust law, ethics, alternative dispute resolution

***Associate Trial Attorney, Bodman Longley & Dahling, LLP* 1989-1994**  
***Detroit, MI***

-Practiced in large, diversified law firm, focused on commercial litigation and appellate work, developing a special emphasis in labor and employment law and municipal law  
-Represented union and non-union employers in federal and state judicial and administrative proceedings, including discrimination, civil rights, wrongful discharge, wage/hour, and unfair labor practice claims  
-Counseled clients in all types of employment and labor law matters, including handling collective bargaining negotiations and labor arbitrations, drafting and reviewing personnel policies, management practices, position descriptions, employment contracts, separation agreements, releases, and consulting on day-to-day employment and benefit issues.  
-Member of Bodman's Commercial Litigation and Employment Law Practice Groups

***Assistant City Attorney, City of Grosse Pointe Park* 1989-1992**

-Appointed by *Bodman's* management team, handled local prosecutions, zoning and other ordinance enforcement actions, union negotiations, arbitrations, and general civil litigation  
-Counseled city officials and high-level management at city council and committee meetings  
-Provided daily legal advice and formal written legal opinions to city officials and employees on municipal, contract, labor/employment, and property law issues

***Judicial Attorney, Michigan Supreme Court* 1987-1989**  
***Chief Justice Dorothy Comstock Riley,***  
***Detroit and Lansing, MI***

-Conducted legal research and writing on issues of jurisprudential significance pending before the Supreme Court, including drafting and editing opinions  
-Prepared legal memoranda before oral arguments  
-Reviewed applications for leave to appeal and prepared legal memoranda  
-Handled special administrative and legal projects for the Office of the Chief Justice

## EDUCATION

**Wayne State University Law School, Detroit, MI, 1987**  
***Juris Doctor***

- Associate Editor, **Wayne Law Review** 1985-1987  
Author, *Director Liability: Michigan's Response to Smith v Van Gorkom*,  
33 Wayne Law Review 1039 (1987)
- WSU Alpert Foundation Academic Writing Scholarship Winner 1984
- Court Officer, Court Librarian, Judicial Intern, Michigan Court of Appeals 1983-87
- Legal Research Assistant, WSU Professor Edward J. Littlejohn 1984-85
- Member, Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity 1983-87

**Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 1983**  
***Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude, Political Science-Pre Law Studies***

- Phi Beta Kappa 1983
- Golden Key Honor Society 1983
- University of London, U.K. Study Abroad Program in Comparative Politics 1982
- Administrative Law Judge, MSU Student Board of Appeals 1981-1983
- Michigan Merit Scholar 1979-80
- Resident Assistant 1981-83

## BAR ADMISSIONS

**State Bar of Michigan (P40923) 1987**  
**U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan 1987**  
**U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals 1994**

## LEGAL EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

- Michigan Judicial Institute (MJI)** Academic Advisory Committee Member **2007-2018**  
-Responsible for developing training topics and materials for jurists
- State Bar of Michigan** "Professionalism in Action" Program Presenter **2012**
- Institute of Continuing Legal Education (ICLE)** Faculty Member  
-8<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Law Institute Presenter **2009**
- Wayne State University Law School 2006-present**  
-Annual Moot Court Competition Volunteer Judge  
-"Women in the Judiciary" Program Speaker **2015**
- National Business Institute (NBI)** "Family Court Judicial Forum" Presenter **2010**
- American Inns of Court, University of Detroit Mercy Law School 1991-1994**  
-Volunteer Attorney and Advisor

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- State Bar of Michigan 1987-present**  
-Section Membership:  
Alternative Dispute Resolution 2019-present, Litigation 1989-2019, Master  
Lawyers 2017-present, Business Law, Insurance & Indemnity, Negligence  
2016-2018, Criminal Law 2013-2018, Family Law 2006-2012, Labor &  
Employment 1989-2006
- Detroit Bar Association 1987-present**  
-Barristers Board of Directors 1992-1995

- Michigan Judges Association** **2006-present**
  - Board of Directors 2010-2015
  - Retired Judges Section 2018-present
  - Served on Rules, By-Laws, and Legislative Committees 2010-2015
  - Served on Statewide Workgroup on Collection of Court Fees 2011
- Children's Charter of the Courts of Michigan** **2006-2008**
  - Board of Directors
- Wayne County Family Law Bar Association** **2007-2012**
- Lakeshore Bar Association** **2008-present**
- Women Lawyers Association of Michigan** Wayne Region **2010-present**
- Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society** Sustaining Life Member **2000-present**
- Incorporated Society of Irish American Lawyers** **1987-present**

**CIVIC AND CHARITABLE INVOLVEMENT**

- University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy, Detroit, MI** **2009-present**
  - Board of Directors and Board of Advisors
  - Received *U of D Jesuit Service Award* 2011
- Global Volunteers, Minneapolis, MN** **2019-present**
  - Volunteer
  - Service Trip, Blackfeet Indian Reservation, Heart Butte, MT Aug 2019
- Services for Older Citizens, Grosse Pointe, MI** **2010-2015**
  - Board of Directors and Executive Committee
- Junior League of Detroit, Detroit, MI** **2010-2014**
  - Board of Advisors
- The Family Center, Grosse Pointe, MI** **2008-2013**
  - Board of Advisors
- Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM), Monroe, MI** **2004-2008**
  - Development Council Member
- Northeast Guidance Center and Assistance League, Detroit, MI** **1993-2003**
  - Board of Directors and Board of Advisors
- Freedom House, Detroit, MI** **1996-1998**
  - Board of Directors
- St Paul on the Lake Catholic Parish, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI** **1990-present**
  - Member and Volunteer
  - Activities: Teacher-Parent Guild, Children's Liturgist, Bible Study Leader, CYO Coach
- Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Corktown, Detroit, MI** **1990-present**
  - Volunteer
  - Annual Children's Christmas Party, "Mrs. Clause" 2014-present
  - Annual Sharin' of the Green St Patrick's Day Events
- Michigan Women's Foundation, Detroit, MI** **1987-1989**
  - Board of Directors

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