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Based in the Grand Rapids office, Ben concentrates his practice on family law and business disputes, including serving as a family law mediator. He approaches family law with compassion, creativity, pragmatism, and understanding, knowing that no one chooses to experience these tough personal challenges.

Ben works directly with clients on everything from pre-nuptial agreements to collaborative and hotly contested divorces, to property, child custody, and child support disputes, stepparent adoptions, and petitions for grandparenting time. He has successfully tried and resolved complex cases including interstate custody issues, high asset cases with large businesses, and custody fights with physically and verbally abusive parents.

His experience includes trying cases in Kent, Ottawa, Barry, and Ionia County, and as far north as Traverse City.

Ben is also a sought-after mediator in West Michigan. He believes that an empathetic and creative lens is key. Often this means finding a different approach that satisfies both parties' goals. Other times, it means providing a reality check for one or both litigants when they seek something the court is unable to award. Ben takes great satisfaction when he can help people as a mediator during this difficult time in their lives.

When Ben isn't working, he enjoys being outdoors, playing tennis on his two travel teams, and, most of all, spending time with his three adorable children.

PRACTICE AREAS

Arbitration & Mediation Divorce Family Law General & Commercial Litigation

EDUCATION

Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School, LL.M., 2009

Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School, J.D., 2008

Grand Valley State University, B.S., 2005

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Michigan

CLERKSHIP(s)

Michigan Tax Tribunal



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American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML) Conference, May 2, 2024

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