

Lara Lenzotti Kapalla

SERVICE AREAS

Business

- Real Estate

Litigation + Trial

- Litigation + Trial Practice Overview

Governments + Nonprofits

- Real Estate

EDUCATION

- Michigan State University College of Law, J.D.
- Albion College, B.A.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Michigan

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. District Courts

- Eastern District of Michigan
- Western District of Michigan



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Lara L. Kapalla specializes in commercial disputes, with a focus on real estate and construction litigation. Lara has assisted clients in a variety of matters ranging from litigation of real estate development agreements, commercial landlord tenant disputes, construction lien litigation, and land use and zoning matters to title insurance defense. Her representative clients include commercial lenders, title insurance underwriters, escrow agents, developers, and municipalities.

Creativity, hard work and solid research are the keys to succeeding on behalf of my clients."

Lara Kapalla

EXPERIENCE

Lara represented a nonprofit organization that dismissed its professional fundraising company for poor performance. The fundraiser had promised to raise \$25 million, but had actually cost the nonprofit money by spending more than it had raised. Adding insult to injury, the fundraiser then sued, claiming its contract with the nonprofit could not be terminated for poor performance. Lara filed a motion to dismiss the plaintiff's complaint, arguing that it was illegally providing fundraising services without a license, and that its contract to do so for her client was unenforceable. The plaintiff quickly settled the lawsuit without monetary costs.

"By bringing a quick end to the lawsuit, before discovery had even begun, I saved my client from potentially significant litigation costs."

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- American Bar Association, Real Property Section; Litigation Section

Lara Lenzotti Kapalla

- State Bar of Michigan, Litigation Section
- Ingham County Bar Association
- Michigan Defense Trial Counsel

HONORS + AWARDS

- Michigan State University College of Law, summa cum laude; Jurisprudence Awards; Law Review; Moot Court; Best Brief; Fordham Securities Law Competition; Finalist, John Marshall I.T. & Privacy Law Competition; Scholarship Recipient from American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Michigan Chapter
- Albion College, magna cum laude; Phi Beta Kappa

PUBLICATIONS

"Some Assembly Required: Why States Should Not Adopt the ALI's System of Presumptive Alimony Awards in its Current Form,"
(Printed in 2004 Michigan State Law Review 207)