

Mary Elizabeth Barnes

SERVICE AREAS

Business

- Corporate, Securities + Commercial Transactions
- Real Estate
- Health Law

Governments + Nonprofits

- Real Estate
- Health Law

Individuals + Families

- Health Law

EDUCATION

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

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Michigan

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Supreme Court

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- Eastern District of Michigan



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Betsy Barnes has extensive experience with all aspects of residential and commercial real estate transactions, primarily those for office medical space. In her practice, she negotiates and drafts business organizational documents and condominium documents, as well as purchase, sale, options, and other transaction agreements and related documents. These include loan documents, commercial leases, easements, construction agreements, options, and right of first refusal agreements. Although most of her loan work is on behalf of borrowers, she can also represent lenders.

"Because of my extensive experience with different lenders, I understand what can be negotiated in a transaction -- and what can't."

Betsy Barnes

Because many business clients do not realize how covenants and other provisions in loan documents can affect their continuing operations and organizational structure, Betsy believes an important part of her job is to educate her clients. She helps make them aware of these restrictions, and then skillfully negotiates with the lender so that the covenants can be tailored to suit the client's business plan from an organizational perspective.

"By taking these steps, we provide flexibility for our clients' future business operations."