



## Kevin J. Roragen

Senior Attorney

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For over 25 years, Kevin Roragen has represented numerous public and private clients in varied litigation matters, primarily in the areas of employment defense, constitutional law, municipal and governmental liability issues, zoning and municipal land use regulation, construction disputes, general commercial and business litigation, as well as tax and other real estate litigation matters.

Kevin has more than 25 years' experience representing:

- Municipalities and other public bodies
- Private employers & businesses
- Housing management companies
- Real Estate Developers
- Manufacturing companies Dental and medical practices
- Oil and gas producers
- Charitable organizations; and
- Individuals in various legal matters.

### Litigation Matters

Kevin represents clients in various complex litigation matters involving municipal and public liability, constitutional law, employment matters, real estate, tax, commercial and other business and contractual matters. He regularly appears on behalf of clients at all levels of state and federal courts, and federal, state and local administrative tribunals and agencies.

Kevin started his legal career as the appointed Assistant City Attorney for the City of Grand Ledge (1997-2001). In that capacity, he was responsible for all of the City's ordinance enforcement and appeared in numerous matters on the City's behalf involving employment, general issues of municipal liability and governmental immunity, zoning and

### PRACTICE AREAS

Appellate Practice  
Business & Commercial Litigation  
Commercial Litigation  
Municipal & Public Entity Law  
Real Estate Law  
Real Estate Litigation  
Zoning & Land Use

### EDUCATION

Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School, J.D., *Magna cum laude*, 1997  
Michigan State University, B.A. with Honors in Economics, 1988

### BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Michigan  
U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals  
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan  
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan  
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio  
U.S. Tax Court

### HONORS & RECOGNITIONS

ICLE Certified Civil Mediator;  
Court-approved Civil Mediator in numerous counties throughout Michigan



land use regulation, and inter-governmental contracts and agreements.

He also represents private business and commercial interests in both transactional and litigation matters involving municipal development agreements, real estate development/construction disputes, zoning and planning issues, partnership disputes, property ownership/title disputes, including oil, gas and mineral rights, and rights of way/easements.

### **Real Estate**

Kevin regularly counsels developers, syndicators, and other investors on tax and business aspects of real estate investments and projects. He drafts equity agreements and other foundational agreements related to real estate development and understands the government agencies involved at the state and federal levels.

Represents institutional, business and individual clients in various complex transactional real estate matters involving:

- Tax credit equity investment.
- Property acquisitions, sales and business acquisitions and dispositions.
- Negotiating, drafting and reviewing various real estate documents, partnership agreements, operating agreements, contractual agreements, and other business agreements.
- Formation of business entities.
- Preparation of equity agreements for institutional investors in transactions involving low-income housing tax credits and historic rehabilitation tax credits.
- Regularly advising clients regarding tax matters and formulating tax planning strategies including, when necessary, proceedings before the Michigan Tax Tribunal and State Tax Commission.

### **REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS**

- *SunAmerica Housing Fund 1050 v. Pathway of Pontiac, Inc.*, 33 F. 4th 872 (6th Cir. 2022)
- *Tudor Ins. Co. v. PM Services, Inc.*, No. 335890, 2018 WL 3998730 (Mich. Ct. App. Aug. 21, 2018)
- *Koets v. American Legion, Department of Michigan*, No. 333347, 2017 WL 3397404 (Mich. Ct. App. Aug. 8, 2017)

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Ingham County Bar Foundation, Fellow



- *WNC Housing LP v. Shelborne Development Co. LLC*, 889 N.W.2d 485 (Mich. 2017)
- *Omimex Energy, Inc. v. Blohm*, No.09-1158, 2010 WL 1531320 (6th Cir. April 16, 2010)
- In Re Petition by Wayne County Treasurer, 478 Mich 1 (2007) (amicus brief)
- *Wayne County Treasurer v. Westhaven Manor LDHA LP*, 265 Mich App 285 (2005)
- *Milan Township v. Jaworski*, No. 240444, (Mich. Ct. App. Dec. 4, 2003)

## **MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS**

### **Legal Affiliations**

- State Bar of Michigan
  - Member
    - Litigation Section
    - Municipal Law Section
    - Real Property Section
    - ADR Section
    - Employment Law Section
- American Bar Association
  - Member
    - Litigation Section
    - Employment & Labor Law Section
- Ingham County Bar Association
  - Member
- Federal Bar Association
  - Western District of Michigan
  - Eastern District of Michigan

### **Community Affiliations**

- Lansing Symphony Orchestra
  - Board Member
- YMCA of Metropolitan Lansing
  - Board Member, Current President