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Services

Litigation and Dispute Resolution
Class and Collective Actions
Election and Political Law

Industries

Nonprofit Organizations

Education

University of Virginia School of
Law, J.D., 2002
University of Michigan, B.A., 1997

Bar Admissions

California
Michigan

Court Admissions

U.S. Supreme Court
U.S. Court of Appeals

- 9th Circuit
- 6th Circuit

U.S. District Court

- Northern District of California
- Eastern District of Michigan



Wendolyn Wrosch Richards

Principal and Pro Bono Counsel
Detroit Resident Director

Wendy Richards is a skilled commercial litigator who has worked on numerous multimillion-dollar class actions and other complex matters. As the firm's Pro Bono Counsel, she heads Miller Canfield's pro bono program, which has garnered national recognition for taking on high-profile, high-impact cases and was shortlisted as one of the nation's best pro bono programs by the Chambers Diversity & Inclusion Awards: North America.

Throughout her career, Wendy's work has focused on complex litigation including class actions, securities and intellectual property matters. She is responsible for coordinating Miller Canfield's pro bono efforts firm-wide, which has resulted in the firm's involvement in several high-profile matters. Recently, Wendy has assisted in and led teams involving high-impact litigation matters, community development projects, entrepreneurship opportunities for persons living in needy communities, as well as several other community enrichment or access to justice projects.

Honors

State Bar of Michigan, John W. Cumiskey Pro Bono Award, 2024
Michigan State Bar Foundation, Access to Justice Award, 2024
The Fellows of the Michigan State Bar Foundation
2021 Crain's Detroit Business Notable Women in Law
Detroit Bar Association Pro Bono Awardee, 2021

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State Bar of Michigan Pro Bono Honor Roll, 2020-2025

Michigan Lawyers Weekly, "Women in the Law," Class of 2018

Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan, Exceptional Achievement honorarium, 2018

DBusiness Magazine, Top Lawyers:

Commercial Litigation

Nonprofit/Charities Law

Intellectual Property Litigation

University of Virginia School of Law, George Terrien Scholarship Recipient, Public Interest Law Association Fellowship Recipient

University of Michigan, high distinction, James B. Angell Scholar, Golden Key Honor Society

Professional Activities

Association of Pro Bono Counsel, Co-Chair, Voting Rights Task Force

Michigan State Bar Foundation, Access to Justice Statewide Steering Committee, Working Committee

State Bar of Michigan, Implementation and Innovation Steering Committee; Delivery of Legal Services for All Standing Committee; Co-Chair, Pro Bono Workshop & Networking Meeting, 2016 & 2017

Goodwill Detroit, Board Member, Ambassador Committee

Detroit Regional Chamber's Leadership Detroit, Class XXXVI

Civic, Cultural & Social Activities

New Economy Initiative Neighborhood Business Strategy Worktable

Tau Beta Association

Detroit Athletic Club

Speeches

"Best Practices for Establishing Driver's License Restoration Clinics," State Bar of Michigan Justice Initiatives Committee, Spring Pro Bono Workshop, May 16, 2023

"Common Election Law Questions," Co-Presenter with Scott Eldridge, Michigan Township Association Legal Institute, April 22, 2024

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"Making A Difference: Creating or Enhancing Your Pro Bono Programs," Association of Corporate Counsel Michigan, March 9, 2023

ABA Civil Rights and Social Justice Chair Chat, March 1, 2023

"The Election Minefield: What Exploded in 2020, What Was Defused in 2022 and What to Dodge in 2024," Moderator, State Bar of Michigan Government Law Section 2023 Winter Educational Seminar, February 17, 2023

"Connecting Elections to Your Profession," Wayne State University Law School Voting Rights & Election Law Society and Wayne State University Schools of Social Work and Public Health, Sept. 16, 2022

"Practicing Voting Rights Litigation in Michigan," Wayne State University Law School Voting Rights & Election Law Society, March 22, 2022

"Legal Resources for Small Businesses," Detroit Digital Inclusion Week, Oct. 19, 2021

Voter Education and Protection Panel, WEGP, January 2021

Voting Rights Panel and Voting Rights discussion session, Moderator, Law Firm Anti-Racism Alliance, Fall Summit, Oct. 2020

"Cross Examinations Fundamentals," Moderator with Thomas Cranmer, Lakeshore Legal Aid, Sept. 2020

"Helping Small Business in the Time of COVID," Practicing Law Institute, Practicing Justice Podcast, Aug. 2020

"Partners in Impact: How Non-profits + Big Law Join to Make Change," hosted by the University of Michigan School of Law Pro Bono Board, March 2019

Publications

Miller Canfield Election Law Guide, 2022

"What Do Poll Workers Do?," *New York Magazine*, *The Cut*, Nov. 3, 2020

"Pro Bono Attorneys Look to Fill Poll Worker Gap During Pandemic," *Law360*, Oct. 25, 2020

"First Responders for Democracy," *Michigan Lawyers Weekly*, Oct. 5, 2020

"Big Law and the Ballot; Pro Bono Fight for Mail-In Voting," *Law360*, Aug. 23, 2020

"Lawyers Offer Free Assistance to Underserved During Pandemic," *Michigan Lawyers Weekly*, May 14, 2020

"New legal clinic to help Detroit nonprofits, small businesses," *Detroit Free Press*, May 7, 2020

"Attorneys provide pro bono legal services to nonprofits on National Day of Service," *Corp! Magazine*, Feb. 11, 2020

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Articles

Michigan Supreme Court: Political Parties Have Standing in Poll Worker Partisan Disparity Disputes

Sweeping Changes to Michigan Election Law Enacted in Advance of the 2024 Contests

California's Valentine's Day Gift to Employers: More Non-Competition Restrictions and Obligations

Michigan Legislature Passes Package of Bills Implementing Proposal 2

Supreme Court Upholds State Courts' Power of Judicial Review Over Election Matters

The Miller Canfield Michigan Election Law Guide is Here

Government Flagpole, Government Speech? Supreme Court Decides Boston Lawsuit

What Employers Need To Know About Trump's Immigration Order