

Miller Canfield's Michelle Crockett, Megan Norris, Sherri Wellman Named in Crain's '2017 Notable Women Lawyers in Michigan'

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Miller Canfield is pleased to announce that three of its attorneys—Michelle Crockett, Megan Norris and Sherri Wellman—have been named in the inaugural edition of *Crain's 2017 Notable Women Lawyers in Michigan*, recognized for being leaders in the firm and the community.

"We could not be more proud of this recognition of Michelle, Megan and Sherri," said Miller Canfield CEO Michael McGee. "They are each known as excellent attorneys, inspiring leaders and mentors within the firm, and leaders in the legal community throughout the state."

The firm congratulates our honorees:

Michelle Crockett, the firm's Diversity and Professional Development Principal and Hiring Chair, oversees the firm's hiring, diversity, mentoring and professional development initiatives. As a principal in the firm's Employment and Labor Group, Crockett handles complex and high-profile matters, such as her representation of Detroit Public Schools Community District in its suit against Michigan's State Reform Office. In addition to her work for clients, Michelle is an adjunct professor at University of Michigan Law School, teaching Race in the Law this semester and K-12 Education Law in the second semester.

Megan Norris, the chair of the firm's Managing Directors, and the Employment and Labor Group co-leader is a leader both in the firm and among women lawyers nationwide. In the firm, she leads in two capacities. Megan is the Chair of the Managing Directors, which oversees 500+ attorneys, paralegals, staff, and directors. She is one of just nine women to chair AmLaw 200 boards of directors. Elected to the Managing Directors in 2011, she was selected by the managers in 2013 to serve as Chair. Norris also co-leads our Employment and Labor Group, overseeing 30 attorneys and staffers. She has served and currently serves on numerous professional and bar associations including United States District Court Local Rules Advisory Committee, where she serves as chair; Fellow with American College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and Litigation Counsel of America; National Employment Law Institute Advisory Board; and Institute of Continuing Legal Education Labor Advisory Board. Norris is ranked in Band 1 by the premier lawyer and law firm ranking organization *Chambers USA* and has been named a *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* Leader in the Law, a Michigan Super Lawyer, and a Lawyer of the Year on the *U.S. News & World Report* Best Lawyers in America list.

Sherri Wellman, a principal and the firm's Energy, Environmental and Regulatory Deputy Group Leader, helps to lead the team of 19 lawyers and paralegals that comprise the firm's Energy and Environmental Group. She has been involved in energy law for more than 30 years, having worked for nearly every public utility in Michigan, and was one of the very small numbers of women to go into energy law three decades ago. She has worked on every energy company merger in the state in the last decade and has represented nearly every investor-owned public utility company in Michigan. Her awareness of legislation before and as it is enacted that impacts her clients, as well as her insight into how the Michigan Public Service Commission will interpret the legislation enables her to fully inform and guide her clients through the ever-changing legislative world in which they operate. Wellman is involved in the American Bar Association Public Utility Law Section, the State Bar of Michigan Administrative Law Section, and the Ingham County Bar Association.

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Crockett, Norris, and Wellman are featured in a Dec. 11 *Crain's Detroit Business* special section.