

## Miller Canfield Names Christopher Gartman as Grand Rapids Resident Director

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Miller Canfield is pleased to announce that **Christopher Gartman** will serve as the resident director of the firm's office in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

A member of the firm's Litigation and Dispute Resolution Group, Gartman joined the firm in 2018, primarily to serve the **craft beverage industry**, which is a key economic driver in Grand Rapids. He brings to his practice a unique blend of legal acumen and industry experience, having served as the assistant head brewer and quality manager at the Five Points Brewing Company in London.

As the resident director of Miller Canfield's Grand Rapids office, Gartman has identified his top priorities as building on the office's already excellent engagement in the community and strategically growing the office in Michigan's second-largest city.

"Chris brings a wealth of experience and a fresh perspective to our Grand Rapids office. His extensive involvement in professional associations and community leadership positions demonstrates his commitment to both our firm and the local community. And his innovative approach and passion for the craft beverage industry will be invaluable assets as we continue to grow our presence in Grand Rapids," said Miller Canfield CEO Michael Palizzi.

Gartman is active in professional and civic groups such as the WMU/KVCC Sustainable Brewing Advisory Board, Michigan Brewers Guild, Illinois Craft Brewers Guild, Wisconsin Brewers Guild, London Brewers Alliance, the Grand Rapids Student Advancement Foundation, GR8 Sports Fundraising Campaign Committee, and the Grand Valley State University–Van Andel Global Trade Center World Trade Week Conference Planning Committee.