

Miller Canfield Lawyer Mark Boonstra Appointed by Michigan Supreme Court to Model Civil Jury Instructions Committee

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The law firm of Miller Canfield announces that Mark T. Boonstra, a principal in the Ann Arbor, Mich. office, has been appointed by the Michigan Supreme Court to the Committee on Model Civil Jury Instructions, which drafts standard instructions for juries in civil cases.

The Committee, comprised of 21 lawyers and judges, is charged with ensuring that the Model Civil Jury Instructions are concise, understandable, conversational, not slanted, and not argumentative. It also has the authority to amend or repeal existing instructions and, when appropriate, adopt new instructions.

At Miller Canfield, Boonstra is co-chair of Miller Canfield's Appellate Section and deputy leader of the Litigation Group. He handles business and commercial disputes of all kinds. He has spent considerable time working on matters involving antitrust and securities law, constitutional law, contract and business tort claims, noncompete and trade secret claims, shareholder and other corporate governance disputes, and a variety of other legal matters.

He received his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School, his Master of Applied Economics from the University of Michigan, and a B.A. from Michigan State University.