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### EDUCATION

- Michigan State University College of Law (J.D., 1979)
- University of Michigan (B.A., 1976)

### BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- State Bar of Michigan
  - Administrative Law Section
- U.S. Tax Court

### EXPERIENCE

Edward J. Castellani brings a distinct advantage to the Business and Tax practice at Fraser Trebilcock. In addition to having practiced law for more than 30 years, Ed is a certified public accountant. This dual background and experience provides his clients a unique insight into business transactions, such as business entity formations, mergers, acquisitions, tax audits and appeals, and general business and tax planning for both profit and non-profit corporations.

Ed has developed industry specialization in health care law, automobile dealer law, nonprofit and trade association law, and alcoholic beverage law for suppliers, wholesalers and retailers. He currently serves on the firm's Board of Directors as the Treasurer.

Other Professional Experience:

- Willingham & Coté, P.C. (1982-2001)
- Deloitte & Touche, L.L.P. (1980-1982)

### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- State Bar of Michigan
  - Business Law Section

- Corporate Law Section
  - Ingham County Bar Association
  - Taxation Section
  - Business Law Section
  - Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants
  - Mid-Michigan Chapter of the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants
  - President (1989)
  - Michigan Society of Association Executives
  - Committee to Re-elect Judge Charles Filice, Treasurer
  - Lansing Rotary Club Member
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## HONORS & DISTINCTIONS

- Achieved an AV Preeminent® peer review rating by Martindale-Hubbell
  - Appointed to Revenue Commissioners Sales and Use Tax Oversight Committee to revise the Administrative Rules for sales and use tax
  - Fellow, Michigan State Bar Foundation
  - Listed in Who's Who in American Law
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## PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Changes to How Nonprofits Do Business in Michigan, Michigan Society of Association Executives Association Impact (April-May 2015)
  - Changes to Michigan Tax Law Regarding Tax Clearance Procedure, Responsible Officer Liability, Audit Procedures, and Claims for Refund, The Michigan Business Law Journal (Spring 2014: Volume 34, Issue 1), Michigan Tax Lawyer (Summer 2014, Volume XL, Issue 2)
  - [New Michigan Tax Bites Out-of-State Businesses](#), Fraser Trebilcock Law & Business Report (Jan-Feb 2008)
  - Numerous articles in the Michigan Bar Journal regarding individual, corporate and association tax matters
  - Numerous articles in the Michigan CPA regarding individual, corporate and association tax matters
  - Numerous articles in the Association News regarding association legal and tax issues
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## TESTIMONIALS & CLIENT MATTERS

"I would say that Ed is the best business lawyer in the Lansing area." – Private Practice Attorney

- Ed represented a nonprofit organization with 3,000 members which operates in 86 countries to incorporate and obtain approval from the IRS as a 501(c)(3) organization.
  - Ed represented a client in the food services industry in a merger to form a large international food services business.
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