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AREAS OF FOCUS

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EDUCATION

- State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law (J.D., 1985)
- State University of New York, Stony Brook (B.A., 1981)

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- All State Courts in Michigan
- U.S. District Court, Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan
- U.S. District Court, Eastern and Southern Districts of New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit

EXPERIENCE

Marlane C. Teahan leads the Trusts and Estates practice at Fraser Trebilcock. With over 30 years of experience as an attorney, Marlane works closely with individuals and families to create estate plans to fit each client's unique situation.

Marlane is a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, and is the immediate past Chair of the Probate and Estate Planning Section of the State Bar of Michigan. Her outstanding legal work continues to be recognized among her peers and leading legal publications.

It's important to Marlane to be active in the community. She regularly volunteers her time, currently serving on the Board of Directors of her Church, and acting as a past member of the Board of Trustees for the Capital Region Community Foundation, an organization that works to enhance the quality of life in the Tri-County area through permanent, charitable endowment funds. She also volunteered with her sons' Boy Scout Troop (Troop 645 of Grand Ledge, Michigan), serving for many years on the Executive Committee and as the Secretary. Marlane's fondest service memory is of a 2011 family mission trip to the Dominican Republic in which she and her family helped build a school and worked each day with the community's children.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- State Bar of Michigan
 - Probate and Estate Planning Section
 - Chair (2017-2018)
 - Chair-Elect (2016-2017)
 - Vice-Chair (2015-2016)

- Secretary (2014-2015)
 - Treasurer (2013-2014)
 - Membership Committee (2014-2016)
 - Council Member (2006-2013)
 - Committee on Special Projects, Chair (2012-2013)
 - Court Rules, Procedures and Forms Committee, Chair (2008-2013)
 - Sub Committee Probate Court Appeals Project, Chair (2010-2017)
 - Liaison, Supreme Court Administrative Office Estates and Trusts Forms Work Group (2008-2014)
 - Michigan Trust Code Michigan Court Rules Subcommittee, Chair (2009-2010)
 - Michigan Trust Code Committee (2005-2010)
 - Elder Law and Disability Rights Section, Member
 - Master Lawyers Section, Member
 - Ingham County Bar Association, Probate and Trust Section, Co-Chair (2011-June 2016)
 - Greater Lansing Estate Planning Council
 - Member (2005-2015)
 - Board Member (2007-2010)
 - Secretary (2008-2009)
 - President (2009-2010)
 - Capital Region Community Foundation
 - Board of Trustees (2015-2017)
 - Marketing and Development Committee (2015-2017)
 - Boy Scouts of America Troop 645, Grand Ledge, Michigan, Committee Member (2007-2015), Outdoor/Activity Chair (2007-2012), Secretary (2012-2014)
 - Mission Trip, Dominican Republic (Summer 2011)
 - Our Savior Lutheran Church and School, Lansing, Michigan, Board of Directors (2015-Present), Meals Ministry Coordinator (2014-Present)
 - Open Door Ministry, Volunteer (2012)
 - Habitat for Humanity Volunteer (2009)
 - Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Office
 - Forms Committee, Estates and Trusts Work Group Section (2009-2014)
 - TimeGuidelines Work Group, Probate Section (2009)
 - Panelist, Estates and Protected Individuals Code Q&A Panel (2010-Present)
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HONORS & DISTINCTIONS

- Achieved an AV[®] peer review rating by Martindale-Hubbell
 - Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Council (ACTEC) (2013-Present)
 - Named a Top 30 'Women in the Law' by Michigan Lawyers Weekly
 - Named "Michigan Super Lawyer" by the publishers of Law & Politics Magazine (2010-2018), Estate Planning & Probate, Estate and Trust Litigation
 - Listed in The Best Lawyers in America, Trusts and Estates in Lansing 2010-2019
 - Named to 'Top 50 Female Attorneys in Michigan', 'Top 50 Consumer Law Attorneys in Michigan' and 'Top 25 Female Consumer Law Attorneys in Michigan' lists by Super Lawyers in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
 - Selected as a 'Lawyer of the Year' in Trusts and Estates by Best Lawyers Magazine in 2018
 - Selected as a '2018 Leading Michigan Lawyer' by Leading Lawyers for Trust, Will & Estate Planning; first named in 2013
 - Completed Probate and Estate Planning Certificate Program, Probate and Estate Planning Section, State Bar of Michigan and The Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2006)
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PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Co-Editor, Trust Administration Under the Michigan Trust Code, Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2010, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017)
- Article Author, "A Summary of Michigan's New Durable Power of Attorney Law 2012 PA 141 - MCL 700.5501," Michigan Probate and Estate Planning Journal (2012)

- Article Author, "MTC: New Court Forms and Rules" (2010), Michigan Probate and Estate Planning Journal, State Bar of Michigan
 - Chapter Author, "Overview of Estate Planning" (2008-2013), "Tax Considerations" (2008-2010), and "Getting Started" (2008-2017), Michigan Estate Planning Handbook, The Institute of Continuing Legal Education
 - Michigan Supreme Court Judicial Conference, Faculty Member, "Financial Issues in Conservatorships that May Involve or Require Review by the Probate Court" (2010)
 - "Probate Update on SCAO Forms and Michigan Court Rules," Ingham County Bar Association, Probate and Trust Law Section (2010)
 - "Special Needs Trusts," Ingham County Bar Association, Probate and Trust Law Section (2008)
 - "Update on the Michigan Trust Code and Highlights of Relevant SCAO Forms and Michigan Court Rules," Greater Lansing Estate Planning Council (2009)
 - Lecturer for The Institute of Continuing Legal Education
 - 57th Annual Probate and Estate Planning Institute, "How Do You Mend a Broken Trust" Program and Moderator of the Litigation Track (May 2017)
 - 56th Annual Probate and Estate Planning Institute, Program Coordinator and Moderator (May and June 2016)
 - 21st Annual Drafting Estate Planning Documents, "Drafting Durable Powers of Attorney 2012" (January and February 2012)
 - Administration of Trusts under the Michigan Trust Code, "Trustee's Duty to Inform and Report to Beneficiaries" (December 2015 and October 2010)
 - 50th Annual Probate and Estate Planning Institute, "Michigan Trust Code Rules and Forms" (May and June, 2010)
 - 19th Annual Drafting Estate Planning Documents Seminar, "A Drafting Perspective on the Michigan Trust Code" (January and February, 2010)
 - Fundamentals of Estate Administration Seminar, "Overview of Taxes and Returns" (February, 2009)
 - Upper Michigan Legal Institute, "Probate and Estate Planning Update" (June 2013, June 2014)
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TESTIMONIALS & CLIENT MATTERS

"Ann and I want to thank you for your exemplary concern and care for us on Tuesday in your office. You made us feel as though we were your most important clients, and we couldn't be happier. Our financial advisor hit a grand slam when he gave us your name. Once again, thank you so much for your expertise and professionalism. We will return to you for any of our future needs." - John & Ann G.

"You did an outstanding job presenting to the ICBA Probate and Trust Law Section earlier this month. I was impressed by how much material you were able to cover in such a short time frame, paying attention to detail while moving quickly through your outline – the perfect balance! Thanks for contributing your time and expertise to raise the competence level of our local bar members." – Dennis W. Flieman, President and CEO of the Capital Region Community Foundation

"Fraser Trebilcock has been invaluable to my wife and me in these last four years. In that time, all four of our parents passed away and the firm's expertise and foresight helped us to navigate some very difficult and complicated times. Marlaine Teahan is more than just our lawyer, she is a trusted friend." – John D.

"I have had the pleasure of serving with Marlaine on the State Bar of Michigan Probate and Estate Planning Section Council and seeing her work through numerous ICLE presentations and responses on various bar issues fora. Marlaine is exemplary and I would not hesitate to refer a client to her." – Private Practice Attorney

"I have known Marlaine Teahan since she began to practice in Michigan, and I have observed her develop into a knowledgeable and highly regarded lawyer. She also gives back to the profession through service to the State Bar Probate and Estate Planning Section and through frequent lectures for our continuing legal education service." – Private Practice Attorney

"Marlaine is an outstanding attorney – she is an officer and will be Chairperson of the Michigan Bar's Probate and Estate Planning Section in three years. She constantly strives to improve Michigan's probate system for the public and lawyers. I give her the highest rating possible." – Private Practice Attorney

"Marlaine is top-notch estate planning lawyer. I have enjoyed working with her, and I have been impressed with her knowledge and judgement." – Private Practice Attorney

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- [Fraser Trebilcock Lawyers Selected Among "The Best Lawyers in America®"](#)

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- [Attorney Marlaine C. Teahan Honored Among Michigan Lawyers Weekly's Women in the Law](#)

08.09.18

RELATED BLOG POSTS

- [Attorney Marlaine Teahan Keynote Speaker at January Meeting for the Ingham County Bar Association's Probate and Trust Law Section](#)

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- [Are your U.S. Savings Bonds Still Earning Interest?](#)

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