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### AREAS OF FOCUS

[Elder Law](#)  
[Estate Planning & Administration](#)  
[Medicaid Planning](#)  
[Tax Planning](#)  
[Trusts & Estates](#)

### EDUCATION

- Western Michigan University  
Cooley Law School (J.D., cum laude, 2006)
- Grand Valley State University (BS, 2003)

### BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

State Bar of Michigan

### EXPERIENCE

Melisa M. W. Mysliwec has been named a "Rising Star" in Michigan by Super Lawyers Magazine each year since 2013, for her work in elder law and trust and estate planning.

Melisa's focus on Elder Law and Medicaid often sets her apart from other attorneys. She is also an accredited attorney by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Melisa is a council member of the Probate and Estate Planning Section of the State Bar of Michigan; chair of the Court Rules, Forms, and Procedures Committee of the Probate and Estate Planning Council; assistant editor of the State Bar of Michigan's Probate and Estate Planning Journal; a member of the State Court Administrative Office's Michigan Court Forms Committee, Estates and Protected Individuals Code Workgroup; a member of the Institute of Continuing Legal Education's (ICLE's) Elder Law Advisory Board; a board member of the Spartan Stores YMCA, a branch of the YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids; and a member of the Policy and Planning Committee of the St. John Vianney Catholic School Board School Board for St. John Vianney Catholic School.

### Other Professional Experience

- Bernick, Omer, Radner & Ouellette, P.C., Associate
- JK. Winters P.C., Associate
- Foster Zack P.C., Associate and Legal Intern

### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- State Bar of Michigan
    - Probate and Estate Planning Section
      - Council Member, 2016-Present
      - Court Rules, Forms, and Procedures Committee, 2017-Present, Chair
      - Citizens Outreach Committee, 2012-2017
      - Real Estate Committee, 2012-2017
      - State Bar and Sections Journal Committee, 2012-Present
      - Section Journal Committee, 2008-2012
      - Amicus Curiae Committee, 2008-2012
    - Elder Law and Disabilities Rights Section
  - Institute of Continuing Legal Education
    - Elder Law Advisory Board, 2016-present
  - Ingham County Bar Association
    - Probate and Trust Section
  - Grand Rapids Bar Association
    - Probate and Estate Planning Section
  - Western Michigan Estate Planning Council
  - St. John Vianney Catholic School Board
    - Vice Chair (2017-present)
    - Secretary (2016-2017)
    - Chair (2014-2016)
    - Board Member (2012-present)
  - Spartan Stores YMCA, Wyoming, MI
    - Board Member (2016-present)
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#### HONORS & DISTINCTIONS

- Achieved an AV Preeminent<sup>®</sup> peer review rating by Martindale-Hubbell
  - Selected as a Super Lawyers 'Rising Star' for Elder Law (2013-2018)
  - Completed Probate and Estate Planning Certificate Program, Probate and Estate Planning Section, State Bar of Michigan and The Institute of Continuing Legal Education
  - Selected as a '2019 Leading Michigan Lawyer' by Leading Lawyers for Elder Law; first named in 2017
  - Accredited Attorney by the Department of Veterans Affairs
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#### PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Assistant Editor, Michigan Probate and Estate Planning Journal (2008-present)
- Presentation "Completing the Medicaid Application: a Hands-On Workshop," at the [Institute for Continuing Legal Education](#)'s Elder Law Institute (September 2017)
- Presenter for Alzheimer's Association's Legal and Financial Update, Greater Michigan Chapter (2016-present)
- Presenter for Eaton Regional Education Service Agency: Parent Advisory Committee for Special Education, "Social Security Benefits for Children with Disabilities" (March 2016)
- Chapter Author, "Getting Started," (2015), Michigan Estate Planning Handbook, Second Edition, The Institute of Continuing Legal Education
- Lecturer for The Institute of Continuing Legal Education: Elder Law Institute, 1st Annual, "Government Benefits A to Z," (September 2015)
- "Medicaid Update," Ingham County Bar Association, Probate and Trust Law Section (2015)
- "Taxable Value Uncapping Relating to Transfer of Ownership," Legal Update 2015, Greater Lansing Association of Realtors (May 2015)
- "Tax Planning: Consider Termination of Late Spouse's Trust," Ingham County Legal News Briefs (April 2014)
- "Estate Strategies: Settling Personal Injury Claims Involving Minors Parts I and II," Ingham County Legal News (August and September 2013)
- "Tools available to avoid, limit payment to the Medicaid Estate Recovery Program," Michigan Lawyers Weekly (August 6, 2012)
- "Estate Strategies: Why Everyone Should Consider Gifting in 2012," Ingham County Legal News (May 10, 2012)
- "Estate Strategies: Michigan's Medicaid Estate Recovery Program," Ingham County Legal News (January 26, 2012)

- "Federal Estate Tax Update," Michigan Bar Journal (May 2010), Volume 89, No. 5
  - "Long Term Care and Medicaid," The Grand Rapids Press, Attorney Guide (November 3, 2009)
  - "Michigan's Estate Recovery Law," co-author, Michigan Probate and Estate Planning Journal, Vol. 27, Summer 2008, No. 3
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#### TESTIMONIALS & CLIENT MATTERS

"Thank you so much for helping us with this. You've been such a blessing through this entire process, and we can't begin to describe how thankful we are for your grace and guidance in handling the estate." - Private Client

"I just saw [a] posting on LinkedIn on your firm receiving a First Tier ranking from US News and World Report [- Best Lawyers]. Congratulations to the Fraser Firm and all of you. I certainly have received a First Tier service with your help on my aunt." - Private Medicaid Planning Client

"Melisa was a great help to us in applying for Medicaid for my dad, whose dementia had progressed to the point of him having to go into a nursing home. She not only got the application approved the first time, but saved my elderly mom thousands of dollars with her knowledge of Irrevocable Trusts and how they work with the Medicaid process." ù Private Client

"I've worked with a few lawyers over the years, and none have been as easy to work with or as reasonably priced as the team at Fraser Trebilcock Davis & Dunlop. Melisa helped me compile and submit my Father's Medicaid application, which was a very confusing and emotional process for me. She helped to make sense of everything, and was very patient with me throughout the process. I would highly recommend Fraser Trebilcock for anyone in need of a good lawyer." ù Bob Staser

"[Melisa] is very knowledgeable in Medicaid and estate planning. She has great temperament and ethical standards." ù Private Practice Attorney

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#### RELATED NEWS

- [24 Fraser Trebilcock Attorneys Honored by Leading Lawyers for 2019](#)  
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  - [20 Fraser Trebilcock Lawyers Selected for 2018 List of Super Lawyers, Rising Stars in Michigan](#)  
09.10.18
  - [22 Fraser Trebilcock Lawyers Selected for 2017 List of Super Lawyers, Rising Stars in Michigan](#)  
10.09.17
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#### RELATED BLOG POSTS

- [Planning Strategies and Divestments in Medicaid Planning: A Workshop](#)  
09.19.18
- [Workshop Wrap-Up: Completing the Medicaid Application](#)  
09.21.17
- [Fraser Trebilcock Hosts Ingham County Probate Court Summer Interns](#)  
08.04.17