



The Grand Rapids Bar Association recognizes the power of diversity.

Our clients expect diversity in their representation.

Our community values diversity.

Our members encourage diversity.





As a Bar Association, we are committed to attracting and maintaining a diverse legal community of attorneys, paralegals, legal secretaries and support staff who live and practice in the greater Grand Rapids area.

OUR COMMUNITY IS GROWING —AND GROWING IN DIVERSITY. More than 17 percent of our population is African American or Hispanic. Almost 7 percent of Grand Rapids households are Spanish-speaking while nearly 8 percent of our population was born outside of the United States.

As the second largest city in Michigan, Grand Rapids is home to a wide variety of businesses, from high-tech entrepreneurial start-ups to multi-national Fortune 500 companies. Key industries include high-tech, consumer goods, automotive, office furniture, aerospace, healthcare, biosciences, packaging and transportation.

Such diversification of industries allows for the practice of sophisticated business law, including the development of specialty areas and niche practices. Attorneys can also create challenging practices focused on criminal defense and civil litigation.

Grand Rapids lies at the heart of West Michigan, an area known for its stellar outdoor opportunities yet close to major urban centers. The region offers boating, skiing, swimming, skating, hiking, biking, fishing, hunting and numerous other outdoor activities. Although minutes from these outdoor activities, Grand Rapids is only a few hours by car or train from both Chicago and Detroit, making it possible for those who enjoy the “big city” to get away for the weekend.

Over the past decade, Grand Rapids has continued to develop its cultural reputation, nightlife opportunities, sports and restaurant scene. The revitalization of downtown has added scores of new restaurants, bars and night clubs. The Van Andel Arena draws national performers and entertainers to the city, which also has a professional ballet company, symphony, opera and Broadway Theatre Guild. Grand Rapids is also home to professional hockey, baseball and arena football teams.

Housing prices throughout the area offer the chance for home ownership that larger cities cannot offer. Residents can choose from dozens of new apartments and condos downtown, many of them renovated factories from the turn of the last century. Additionally, many are located within Renaissance Zones, offering both personal and business tax breaks to residents. The city is home to many fine residential neighborhoods with historic houses, as well as to suburbs where you can design and build your own dream home.

Large enough to offer the amenities of a big city, yet small enough to provide a sense of true community, Grand Rapids is an excellent place to start your career.

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Vision Statement:

The Grand Rapids Bar Association, its members and their leadership and employees shall reflect the diversity of the Grand Rapids community.

About the Grand Rapids Bar Association:

The Bar Association, along with its members, has made a commitment to diversity within the legal profession. Through partnerships with other organizations, programs and presentations within the community and outreach efforts to colleges and universities, we are striving to attract and retain attorneys who reflect the diversity of our community.

For More Information:

Visit our website, www.grbar.org, which serves as a clearinghouse for information and job opportunities.