



Caroline Grech-Clapper

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Secret Wardle Executive Partner Caroline Grech-Clapper appointed as Vice-President of Women Officials Network Foundation

Caroline Grech-Clapper has been appointed as Vice-President of the Women Officials Network (WON) Foundation. Ms. Grech-Clapper will serve as Vice-President for a two-year term. Ms. Grech-Clapper previously held a Director position with the WON Foundation.

Established in 1997, WON is dedicated to encouraging women to become involved in public policy through elected and appointed office. WON provides networking opportunities for women officials and presents training to inspire and empower current and future policy makers.

Ms. Grech-Clapper is an Executive Partner and member of Secret Wardle's Employment, Family Law and Premises Liability Practice Groups. Her primary focus is defending business owners in the areas of Discrimination, Sexual Harassment, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Employment Policy Handbooks, and Whistleblower Protection Act/Retaliation Claims.

Ms. Grech-Clapper received her Juris Doctor, cum laude, from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in 2001. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree with Honors from Madonna University in 1996. She was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan in 2001, as well as the United States District Court for the Western and Eastern Districts of Michigan. Ms. Grech-Clapper has received the following awards:

- Who's Who in North America - 2010
- Who's Who Among American Law Students - 1999
- The Sol Siegel Award - 1998
- Who's Who Among American Colleges - 1996

To learn more about WON, please visit their website at www.womenofficialsnetwork.org.

Ms. Grech-Clapper has appeared as a featured speaker at the Troy Chamber of Commerce Women's Business Forum, "Top of Troy: Women of Influence." She is also a frequent contributor to Secret Wardle's newsletter, "On the Job," a publication focusing on employment-related issues. To sign up to receive our newsletters, please visit <http://bit.ly/1hs5u2N>. To learn more about Caroline Grech-Clapper, please visit <http://bit.ly/1dO0xPb> or contact her directly at (248) 539-2843. To learn more about Secret Wardle, please visit www.secrestwardle.com or phone (248) 851-9500.





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Secret Wardle has been named to the list of “Michigan’s Largest Law Firms” for 2014 by *Michigan Lawyers Weekly*

Secret Wardle has been selected to appear on the list published in *Michigan Lawyers Weekly*’s annual supplemental magazine, *Michigan’s Largest Law Firms* for 2014. Secret Wardle tied for designation as the 19th largest firm out of 79 firms identified in the publication’s annual survey. To be eligible, firms must have at least 15 lawyers. The ranking criteria took into account the number of Michigan-licensed lawyers working within the state as of January 1, 2014.

Michigan Lawyers Weekly was founded in 1986 and reports on the latest legal news from across Michigan. The publication provides digests of the most current opinions from state and federal courts in Michigan as well as reporting changes to court rules, verdict & settlement reports, attorney and judicial discipline matters and all other news vital to attorneys in the state. To learn more about *Michigan Lawyers Weekly*, please visit www.milawyersweekly.com.

To learn more about Secret Wardle, to access a list of our Practice Groups or to view our Practice Group Newsletters, please visit www.secretwardle.com; for additional information please email info@secretwardle.com, phone (248) 851-9500 or scan this QR code with your smartphone:



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Secrest Wardle Executive Partner Caroline Grech-Clapper has been named by *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* to the list of Women in the Law 2014

Caroline Grech-Clapper has been chosen as one of 30 outstanding women in Michigan's legal community as 2014 Women in the Law. Members of the Women of the Law Class of 2014 were selected by a committee based upon their outstanding professional accomplishments, mentoring of others and community involvement. The honorees will be recognized at an award ceremony followed by a luncheon on September 11, 2014, at the Detroit Marriott in Troy.

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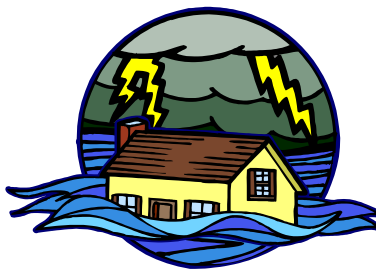
Secrest Wardle will present a complimentary webinar, "Don't Get Washed Away With Flood Claims," presented by Partner Anthony A. Randazzo, on Wednesday, August 20, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. (EST).

The webinar pertains to defending claims brought against governmental entities and insurance companies.

To join the invitation list to register for the webinar, please email Webinar Coordinator Linda Willemsen at lwillemsen@secrestwardle.com.

To view Secrest Wardle Newsletters on a variety of topics pertinent to other areas of the law, please click <http://bit.ly/1hs5u2N>.

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William P. Hampton

**SECRET WARDLE SENIOR PARTNER WILLIAM P. HAMPTON NAMED IN
THE BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA® 2015 IN MULTIPLE PRACTICE AREAS**

SECRET WARDLE is pleased to announce that Senior Partner William P. Hampton was recently selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2015 in the fields of Commercial Litigation, Family Law, Litigation – Land Use & Zoning, Litigation – Municipal, Litigation – Real Estate, Municipal Law and Real Estate Law. Mr. Hampton has also been recognized as a consistent and dedicated member of the law community by his inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* for at least 20 years.

Best Lawyers is the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession. For more than three decades, *Best Lawyers* lists have earned the respect of the profession, the media, and the public, as the most reliable source of legal referrals anywhere. Because *Best Lawyers* is based on an exhaustive peer-review survey in which over 52,000 leading attorneys in 137 practice areas in America, covering all 50 states and the District of Columbia, performed more than 5.5 million detailed evaluations of the legal abilities of other lawyers in their practice areas, and because lawyers are not required or allowed to pay a fee to be listed, inclusion in *Best Lawyers* is considered a significant honor.

William P. Hampton has a wealth of experience not only as a lawyer, but also as a former Oakland County Circuit Court Judge and former state legislator. Although recognition in multiple practice areas is unique, Mr. Hampton's extensive expertise in his areas of recognition have been noted by his peers as his legal acumen has been built upon over the course of his distinguished career. Mr. Hampton is recognized for providing his clients with the best representation available through developing and executing proven defense strategies for municipalities, counties, school districts, universities, and state agencies across the state of Michigan.

William P. Hampton was the recipient of the Professionalism Award awarded by the Oakland County Bar Association in 2007 and received the Michael Franck Award from the State Bar of Michigan in 2010. Throughout his career, spanning 50 years, Mr. Hampton has been recognized on numerous occasions for his achievements, particularly as a leading authority in the area of municipal law. He was named "Municipal Law Lawyer of the Year" for 2012 in the State of Michigan by *Best Lawyers in America* and in 2013 was named by *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* as a "Leader in the Law." William P. Hampton is a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers, is listed in *Who's Who in American Law*® and has been named to Metro Detroit *Dbusiness* magazine's list of "Top Lawyers." Mr. Hampton has also been included in the list of Michigan *Super Lawyers*® by a vote of his peers from 2006 to 2013, consecutively.

In 2014, Mr. Hampton was recently awarded the Oakland County Bar Association's "Distinguished Career Achievement Award," which recognizes an attorney whose career exemplifies extraordinary achievement in the ideals of the profession throughout the active legal career of the recipient. Additionally on August 14, 2014, Mr. Hampton was recognized by the Bloomfield Hills Optimist Club, as he was presented with its "Respect for Law Award," honoring his position as a well-respected municipal law attorney in the community.

Mr. Hampton serves as attorney for the Cities of Bloomfield Hills and Auburn Hills, as well as for the Townships of Bloomfield and West Bloomfield.

To view additional information regarding Mr. Hampton or Secret Wardle, please visit our website at www.secretwardle.com. To contact Mr. Hampton directly, please call 248-539-2826 or email via whampton@secretwardle.com.



CONGRATULATIONS TO SECRET WARDLE'S 2014 MICHIGAN *SUPER LAWYERS* AND *RISING STARS* DESIGNEES

Secret Wardle is pleased to announce that for 2014, 8 attorneys have been selected to the *Super Lawyers* list and 12 attorneys have been selected to the *Rising Stars* list.

Super Lawyers is a rating service of outstanding lawyers who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The selection process includes independent research, peer nominations and evaluations. No more than 5 percent of each state's attorneys are recognized in the *Super Lawyers* list and no more than 2.5 percent in the *Rising Stars* list.

The following individuals have been designated by *SuperLawyers* magazine:

***SuperLawyers* List**



(Pictured left to right) Civil Litigation Defense: Mark F. Masters, Mark E. Morley, William D. Shailor;
General Litigation: Bruce A. Truex; State/Local/Municipalities: Derk W. Beckerleg,
William P. Hampton; Personal Injury General Defense: Thomas J. Azoni, Nathan J. Edmonds

Rising Stars List



(Pictured left to right) Appellate: Drew W. Broadus; Business Litigation: Anthony A. Randazzo;
Civil Litigation Defense: Jason R. Church, Kellie C. Joyce, Mark C. Vanneste;
Personal Injury Defense: General: Sante S. Fratacangeli, Krystal D. Hermiz,
Chase M. Kubica, Renee T. Townsend, Sarah L. Walburn, Javon L. Williams;
Insurance Coverage: Alison M. Quinn

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**SECRET WARDLE ATTORNEYS TO JOIN
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNITS-MICHIGAN CHAPTER
AS PRESENTERS AT**

“AVOIDING THE FRAUD VORTEX”

Schoolcraft College
VISTA TECH CENTER
18600 Haggerty Rd., Livonia, MI
(734) 462-4610

Thursday October 2, 2014

**Registration 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.
Program 8:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m.**

*Early registration fee until 9/19/14 \$75.00
(Eligible for door prize drawing)*

After 9/19 and Walk-In registrations will pay \$95.00
(Walk-ins will have no guarantee of course choice placement)
LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRE PERSONNEL: \$15.00

Please click here for registration form and detailed course information: <http://www.miiasiu.org/events.html>



Executive Partner Margaret A. Scott will present “Solicitation-Legal Interpretations and Strategies for No-Fault Claims” during the Morning Session.

Ms. Scott served as an Oakland County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney from 1988 to 2008. The majority of her career at the Oakland County Prosecutor’s Office was spent as a Special Prosecutor, where she was elevated to the office of Chief of the Auto Theft Unit in 1996. As a felony trial prosecutor Ms. Scott prosecuted crimes involving insurance fraud, identity theft, embezzlement, and arson of insured property. During her time with the Oakland County Prosecutor’s Office she successfully prosecuted nearly 100% of the cases assigned to the Auto Theft Unit. Ms. Scott obtained her B.A. from Michigan State University in Criminal Justice and Psychology. She received her Juris Doctor from Wayne State University Law School and was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan in 1988. Ms. Scott is licensed in all Michigan Courts.

For her dedication to the fight against auto theft and insurance fraud, Ms. Scott received the Bob Sattler Award by the North Central Regional Chapter-International Association of Auto Theft Investigators in 2007. She also received an Award for Professional Excellence for services provided to the Michigan State Police characterized by outstanding performance of duty and a personal commitment to the excellence associated with the prosecution of a 1998 Western Wayne Auto Theft Unit investigation. Ms. Scott was recently awarded the William V. Liddane Award by the Help Eliminate Auto Theft (H.E.A.T.) Organization in recognition of her advocacy in reducing auto-theft related crimes in Michigan.

Ms. Scott is a member of the following associations:

- North Central Regional Chapter-International Association of Auto Theft Investigators
- Michigan Chapter-International Association of Arson Investigators
- Michigan Arson Prevention Committee
- Michigan Help Eliminate Auto Theft Committee

She is past Chair of the Michigan Anti-Car Theft Campaign Committee.

For more information regarding Ms. Scott please click <http://bit.ly/1cFqn27>; contact her directly at mScott@secrestwardle.com or (248) 539-2854.



Partner Terri L. Antisdale will present “Materiality-Case Law Updates and Assigned Claims Plan” during the Afternoon Session where she will discuss the ACP statutory “material misrepresentation” provision and how it differs from the policy provision in application and effect.

Ms. Antisdale is an experienced litigator who specializes in Personal Injury Protection (PIP) claims as well as Property, Fire and Casualty claims. She is a former Oakland County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney (1996– 2008). During her 12 years of service she dedicated the majority of her time prosecuting staged motor vehicle accidents, insurance fraud, arson, and insurance-related violent crimes. For eight of those years she served as a Special Prosecutor handling cases that included bank robbery and assault with an attempt to commit murder. Her notable number of court successes gained her recognition as a well-seasoned trial attorney.

Ms. Antisdale is the recipient of the following awards:

- Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan’s Distinguished Service Award (2002 and 2007)
- Oakland County Achievement Award (2006 and 2011)
- Detroit College of Law’s Outstanding Law Graduate Award (1996)
- Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services/Children’s Center for Justice and Peace, Street Law Program Award (1995)
- Jurisprudence Achievement Award, Domestic Relations, Detroit College of Law (1995)

Ms. Antisdale received her Juris Doctor, cum laude, from the Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University and her Bachelor of Science Degree from Western Michigan University.

For more information regarding Ms. Antisdale please click <http://bit.ly/1qrEHp7>; contact her directly at tantisdale@secrestwardle.com or (248) 539-2805.

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**SECREST WARDLE EXECUTIVE PARTNER DERK W. BECKERLEG LISTED IN
THE BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA© 2015 IN LAND USE AND ZONING,
LITIGATION-MUNICIPAL AND MUNICIPAL LAW PRACTICE AREAS**

SECREST WARDLE is pleased to announce that Executive Partner Derk W. Beckerleg has recently been selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*© 2015 in the fields of Land Use and Zoning Law, Litigation-Municipal and Municipal Law.

Since its inaugural issue in 1983, *Best Lawyers* has become regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence. For more than three decades, *Best Lawyers* lists have earned the respect of the profession, the media, and the public, as the most reliable source of legal referrals anywhere. Because *Best Lawyers* is based on an exhaustive peer-review survey in which over 52,000 leading attorneys in 137 practice areas in America, covering all 50 states and the District of Columbia, performed more than 5.5 million detailed evaluations of the legal abilities of other lawyers in their practice areas, and because lawyers are not required or allowed to pay a fee to be listed, inclusion in *Best Lawyers* is considered a significant honor.

In addition to his listings in *The Best Lawyers in America*©, Derk W. Beckerleg has consistently been voted for inclusion on the list of Michigan *Super Lawyers*® by his peers, from 2007 through 2014. He was also recognized on the list of 2012, 2013, and 2014 "Top Lawyers" by Metro Detroit's *Dbusiness* magazine.

Mr. Beckerleg is a member of the Oakland County Bar Association and the State Bar of Michigan. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Michigan State University in 1978, and his Juris Doctor from University of Detroit Law School in 1981. He was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan in 1982.

Derk W. Beckerleg is the Managing Partner of Secrest Wardle's Municipal Law Practice Group and is the City Attorney for the City of Auburn Hills, the Assistant City Attorney for the City of Bloomfield Hills, the Assistant Township Attorney for the Charter Township of Bloomfield, the Assistant Township Attorney for the Charter Township of West Bloomfield, the Assistant Township Attorney for Southfield Township, and the Village Attorney for the Village of Bingham Farms.

In addition, Mr. Beckerleg represents the following municipalities with respect to their Michigan Tax Tribunal matters: City of Auburn Hills, Charter Township of Bloomfield, City of Bloomfield Hills, Charter Township of Independence, Charter Township of West Bloomfield, Southfield Township, City of Dearborn Heights, Village of Bingham Farms, and the City of Walled Lake.

To view additional information regarding Mr. Beckerleg or Secrest Wardle, please visit our website at www.secrestwardle.com. To contact Mr. Beckerleg directly, please call 248-539-2808 or email dbeckerleg@secrestwardle.com.