Secrest Wardle Executive Partner
Sarah L. Walburn Interviewed for
Grand Rapids Legal News
"West Michigan Women in the Law" Article

Secrest Wardle Executive Partner Sarah L. Walburn, of the Firm's Grand Rapids office, was recently recognized as one of 30 members of the *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* Class of 2016 "Women in the Law." Members are all high-achieving women lawyers in Michigan, and were selected by a committee based upon their outstanding professional accomplishments, mentoring of others and community involvement.

Five women lawyers from western Michigan were included on the list. Cynthia Price, Editor of the *Grand Rapids Legal News*, authored an article featuring the five women. When interviewed, Sarah Walburn relayed how her career has taken off since joining Secrest Wardle just over three years ago. Ms. Walburn was named an Executive Partner in January 2016. During the interview she attributed her success to achieving good outcomes and building good relationships with clients. Ms. Walburn added the following:

> "Client relationships are really so important. To be present, listen closely to concerns, and develop a partnership with an eye toward mutual goals is key to attaining successful outcomes."

Sarah Walburn currently serves as Co-Chair of Michigan Defense Trial Counsel's General Liability Section. She is an active member of the State Bar of Michigan and the Grand Rapids Bar Association, currently serving as a Litigation Section Committee Member with the Grand Rapids Bar Association. She has been named to the list of Michigan Rising Stars in *Super Lawyers* magazine for 2014 and 2015. Ms. Walburn has been named to the 2015 and 2016 lists of "The Top Women Attorneys in Michigan" by *Hour Detroit*.

Secrest Wardle is a law firm specializing in defense litigation and counsel for insurance, municipal, and commercial clients headquartered in Troy, Michigan, with additional offices in Grand Rapids and Lansing.