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Mallery Reader is an associate with Foster Swift's Municipal Practice Group in the firm's Grand Rapids office. In addition to helping local units of government with their legal issues, she also practices in the areas of administrative law, licensing and election & campaign finance law.

Growing up Hartland, Michigan, Mallery knew she wanted to be a lawyer since high school "I first became interested in law during my high school government class's unit on the judicial branch. My teacher taught us about Supreme Court cases impacting the rights of students, and I was instantly hooked."

Before entering private practice, Mallery worked for a prominent Washington DC think-tank where she authored amicus briefs on the topics of individual rights and administrative agency power.

Mallery graduated in 2020 from the University of Notre Dame Law School. While earning her Juris Doctor degree, she was President of the Schools's Public Interest Law Forum and was an articles editor for the *Journal of Legislation Vol. 46*. Prior to that, Mallery earned her B.A. in Political Science, *cum laude* from Hope College in Holland Michigan.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Municipal Case Law Review, *Michigan Township Association (MTA)*, April 22, 2024

What Can My Business Contribute to a Campaign?, *Legal Strategies for Women Leaders*, March 5, 2024

Controversial Land Uses, *Michigan Townships Association*, October 4, 2023

PRACTICE AREAS

Administrative Law
Election & Campaign Finance Law
Governmental Relations
Licensing - Professional - Business - Government
Municipal & Public Entity Law

EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame Law School, J.D., 2020
Hope College, B.A., 2017, *cum laude*, Political Science and Communication

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Michigan
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan



PUBLICATIONS

Short-Term Rental Regulation Act: What Local Governments Need to Know, *Foster Swift Municipal Law News*, March 20, 2024

New NLRB Rule Speeds Up Union Election Process, *Foster Swift Labor & Employment Law News*, August 25, 2023

MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

Legal Affiliations

- Grand Rapids Bar Association
- Women Lawyers Association of Michigan (WLAM)
 - Member, WLAM Journal Editorial Board
- Federalist Society

Community Involvement

- Girls on the Run West Michigan
 - Board Member
- West Michigan Mountain Bike Alliance

RECENT BLOG POSTS

Michigan Election Law Blog

Supreme Court Rules that Elections Must Abide by State Laws