



## Sara L. Cunningham

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Sara started as a commercial litigator in 2002 handling largely complex construction litigation and commercial business matters. Since 2010, Sara has provided a wide range of energy industry legal services, including regulatory matters and title work, contract review, negotiation, transactional work, as well as litigation practice in construction law, labor and employment law, and business and commercial law.

Staying active in the community, Sara is a member of the Michigan Association of Professional Landmen (MAPL), having served on the Board since 2018, as well as the Michigan Oil and Gas Association (MOGA) and the American Association of Professional Landmen (AAPL). She is also a frequent volunteer in the East Lansing Schools and sat on the District Parent Council for East Lansing Public Schools for several years.

Sara earned her Juris Doctorate at the Ohio State University College of Law. Prior to that, she earned her bachelor's in Law and Social Science *With Honors* from Michigan State University. Prior to Foster Swift, Sara previously practiced for over 20 years and was a shareholder and President of another Lansing-based law firm.

### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

**An Overview of Statutory Pooling in Michigan, Michigan Association of Professional Landmen (MAPL) Mid-Winter Mini Seminar,** February 22, 2024

### PUBLICATIONS

**Deadline Extended: Marketable Record Title Act Brings New Requirements for Preserving Land Restrictions & Easements,** *Finance Real Estate & Bankruptcy Law News E-blast*, April 2, 2024

### PRACTICE AREAS

Administrative Law  
Business Law  
Commercial Litigation  
Construction Law  
Employment Law  
Energy, Oil & Gas Law  
Finance, Real Estate & Bankruptcy Law  
General & Commercial Litigation  
Real Estate Law  
Renewable Energy

### EDUCATION

Ohio State University College of Law, J.D., 2002  
Michigan State University, B.A. *With Honors*, 1999

### BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Michigan  
Ohio (Inactive)

### HONORS & RECOGNITIONS

*Michigan Super Lawyers* "Rising Star", Energy & Natural Resources, General Litigation, Construction Litigation (2013 – 2016)  
*Leading Lawyers*, (2019-2023)



## **MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS**

### **Legal Affiliations**

- American Bar Association
  - Member
- State Bar of Michigan
  - Member
- Ingham County Bar Association
  - Member
- Ingham County Bar Foundation
  - Fellow
- US District Court, Western District of Michigan
  - Member
- US District Court, Northern District of Ohio
  - Member
- US District Court, Southern District of Ohio
  - Member

### **Community Affiliations**

- District Parent Council, East Lansing Public Schools
  - Member, Appointed in 2019
- East Lansing Human Relations Commission
  - Chair, 2004-2011
- East Lansing CDBG Advisory Committee
  - Chair, 2006 – 2009
- Athena Womens Interest Network (WIN)
  - Member
- Michigan Association of Professional Landmen (MAPL)
  - Member, Board
- Michigan Oil and Gas Association (MOGA)
  - Member
- American Association of Professional Landmen (AAPL)
  - Member