



## James B. Doezema

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Jim Doezema is a shareholder in the firm's Finance, Real Estate & Bankruptcy Services Practice Group. He focuses his practice in the areas of real estate development, municipal law, litigation (real property matters, zoning, commercial and negligence matters, including dram shop and premises liability) and business entity selection, organization and planning.

He received his undergraduate degree from Calvin University and his Juris Doctorate from Vanderbilt University. Jim is also a licensed Michigan Real Estate Broker.

Admitted to practice law in Michigan, before the U.S. District Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan and the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, Jim is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, the Western District Bar Association and the Grand Rapids Bar Association. Jim was the chairman of the City of Grand Rapids Planning Commission, serves on the council of Brookside Christian Reformed Church and is involved in a variety of sports.

### PUBLICATIONS

**Important Agricultural Property Tax Exemptions and Incentives You Should be Taking Advantage of in 2020**, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, January 23, 2020

**Can I benefit from the Ag Exemption?**, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law Update*, May 2013

### MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

#### Legal Affiliations:

- State Bar of Michigan
- Grand Rapids Bar Association

### PRACTICE AREAS

Real Estate Law  
Zoning & Land Use  
Entity Selection, Organization & Planning  
Real Estate Litigation  
General & Commercial Litigation  
Finance, Real Estate & Bankruptcy Law  
Agri-Business  
Real Estate Development

### EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University Law School,  
J.D., 1985  
Calvin University, B.A., 1982

### BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Michigan  
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan  
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan  
U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals

### HONORS & RECOGNITIONS

AV® Preeminent™  
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Licensed Michigan Real Estate Broker



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**Community Involvement:**

- City of Grand Rapids Planning Commission, Past Chairman (2007-2009)
  - Brookside Christian Reformed Church, Past Deacon and Treasurer
  - Calvin University Alumni Association, Local Section, Past Member
  - Eagle Impact, Board Member
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