

Welcome to Pre-Law Day at Calvin!

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Why Become an Attorney?

11:00 am to 12:30 pm

Lisa Buursma (BISSELL Homecare, Inc.)

Lisa is currently a senior corporate attorney at BISSELL, headquartered in Grand Rapids. Out of law school, she spent five years in Chicago at Sidley Austin LLP, a leading global firm, in the Insurance and Financial Securities group, focusing on structured finance, alternative risk structure and mergers and acquisitions. She then spent two years at Miller Canfield in Grand Rapids, practicing commercial lending. She has been at BISSELL for nearly five years, spending the bulk of her time negotiating strategic contracts to support the executive team, including mergers and acquisitions, and managing the commercial contracts team.

Practices: Corporate; Commercial Contracts; Data Privacy; Mergers & Acquisitions; Structured Finance

Education: University of Illinois, J.D. 2009; Calvin College, B.A. 2006

Bar Associations: State Bar of Michigan, State Bar of Illinois



Amy Jonker (Bloom Sluggett)

Amy is a litigator with 17 years of experience representing Fortune 500 businesses and banks in complex contract and regulatory lawsuits in state and federal courts throughout the country. She has successfully represented global banks, manufacturers, and businesses, and is currently representing local municipalities in litigation matters and handling complex real estate disputes and lawsuits. She taught banking law at Cooley Law School and has won awards for her pro bono representation of indigent clients.

Practices: Complex Commercial Litigation; Business Contracts, Disputes, and Lawsuits; Loan Work-Outs; Bankruptcy Adversary Proceedings; Banking Regulation and Lawsuits; Real Estate Transactions and Lawsuits; Employment Law; Municipal Law; Riparian Real Estate Matters

Education: DePaul University College of Law, J.D. 2004; Calvin College, B.A. 1994

Bar Associations: State Bar of Michigan; State Bar of Illinois; Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana; 7th Circuit Court of Appeals; 6th Circuit Court of Appeals



Roland Lindh (Roland Lindh, Esq.; Attorney at Law)

Roland Lindh manages his own legal practice in West Michigan. He counsels and defends individuals who have been accused of a crime, as well as helping clients in other areas of the law.

Practices: Criminal Law

Education: Thomas M. Cooley, J.D. 2010; Calvin College, B.A. 1987

Bar Associations: State Bar of Michigan



Anne Tuuk (Assistant US Attorney)

Anne Tuuk accepted a one-year clerkship for the Hon. Douglas W Hillman following law school. She then worked as an associate for a West Michigan-based, mid-sized general practice firm, after which she served as Assistant United States Attorney working primarily in civil litigation. She later worked part-time in judicial clerkships for federal district judges Wendell A. Miles and Gordon J. Quist in the Western District of Michigan.

Practices: Assistant US Attorney

Education: Univ. of Michigan Law, J.D. 1981; Ohio University, M.A. in French 1977; Calvin University, B.A. 1975

Bar Associations: State Bar of Michigan



Randy Vogelzang (Calvin University)

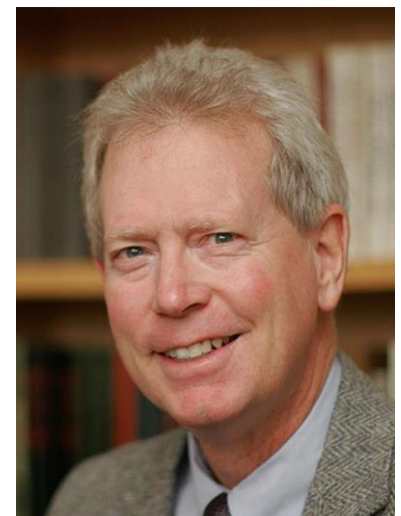
Randy Vogelzang currently serves Calvin University as its Director of

Gift Planning and as legal counsel. Prior to Calvin he served as Vice President and General Counsel for Verizon with a wide range of legal responsibilities over his 33 years of service which included general and regulatory litigation throughout the country in state and federal courts, commercial transactions, intellectual property, real estate, corporate governance, labor and employment, mergers and acquisitions, advertising, legislation, and many general corporate matters.

Practices: Corporate; Education; Gifts

Education: Valparaiso, J.D. 1977; Calvin College, A.B. 1974

Bar Associations: : State Bar of Michigan; : State Bar of Texas (inactive); : State Bar of Indiana (inactive)



Sungjin Yoo (Ottawa Avenue Private Capital)

Sungjin is in-house counsel at Ottawa Avenue Private Capital and is responsible for reviewing and negotiating investment documents and facilitating the private equity investment process as well as assisting with family-directed investments for the firm's affiliates. Prior to joining Ottawa Avenue Private Capital, Sungjin was a corporate associate at Honigman LLP, where he focused on mergers and acquisitions, private equity, and general corporate matters.

Practices: Corporate Law; Private Equity

Education: Washington University in St. Louis, J.D. 2017; Calvin College, B.A. 2013

Bar Associations: State Bar of Michigan



Daily Life as an Attorney

1:30 to 2:45 pm

Ciarra Adkins (AQUME Law)

Ciarra Adkins is a licensed West Michigan attorney who is passionate about equity, diversity and inclusion, civic engagement and voting rights, and legal accessibility for low-income communities. She is the founding attorney of AQUME Law. Ciarra currently serves as a board member for the Grand Rapids Initiative for Leadership, a local non-profit focused on developing civic-engaged leaders within our local community. Furthermore, she ensures that 25% of her legal services are provided pro-bono for members of the low-income community.



Ciarra also works as an Equity Analyst for the City of Grand Rapids where she analyzes racial and economic diversity, equity and inclusion for the Equitable Grand River Restoration Project. She is also involved in micro-local business development, analysis of policies, community collaborations and partnership development, and is experienced with grant writing and management.

Practices: Intellectual Property Law; Trademarks; Contracts; Certificate of Merit in Gaming Law (Casino Law)

Education: WMU Cooley Law School, J.D. 2016; Calvin College, B.A. 2011

Bar Associations: State Bar of Michigan

Elise Elzinga (Muskegon Public Defender)

Elise is the Chief Family Division Director at the Muskegon Public Defender's Office. Her work includes advocating for youth in the juvenile justice system and representing parents and children in abuse and neglect child welfare proceedings. She earned her bachelor's degree in Political Science and International Relations from Calvin College. Prior to attending law school, she lived in and worked in Cambodia and Washington, D.C. where she developed her interest in law as an avenue to advocate for women and children in a public service career.



Practices: Criminal and Family Law

Education: Michigan State University, J.D. 2013; Calvin College B.A. 2005

Bar Associations: State Bar of Michigan

Mark Greidanus (Rhoades McKee)

Mark is in the litigation and dispute resolution group at Rhoades McKee. Mark handles a variety of commercial litigation matters in state and federal courts. He has a background in transactional real estate, and his litigation practice focuses on real estate and construction disputes. On a daily basis, Mark deals with both litigating disputes and advising clients on how to avoid disputes.

Practices: Construction; Real Estate and Zoning; UCC Art. II; Cybersecurity; Data Privacy; Consumer Protection; Nonprofits; Division of Assets; Civil Fraud

Education: Indiana University Maurer School of Law, J.D. 2019; Calvin College, B.A. 2014

Bar Associations: State Bar of Michigan



Christopher Haven (Meijer)

Chris Haven is Senior Counsel for Meijer, Inc. and is part of the commercial transactions practice group. He supports the Supply Chain & Manufacturing, Indirect Procurement and Merchandising departments through contract negotiation and project counsel.

Practices: Transactional support for Supply Chain & Manufacturing, Indirect Procurement and Merchandising

Education: Reformed Theological Seminary, 2011, University of Detroit Mercy Law School, J.D. 2001; Calvin College, B.A. 1998

Bar Associations: State Bar of Michigan



Nate Knapper (The Joseph Project)

Nate Knapper is the Founder and CEO of The Joseph Project, a nonprofit organization that connects human trafficking survivors with pro bono legal counsel. He simultaneously serves as a Special Agent in the FBI's Detroit Division, where he has investigated human trafficking and child exploitation matters. Prior to joining the FBI, Nate served as an Assistant Attorney General in Lansing, Michigan, where he worked as a member of the Michigan Commission on Human Trafficking.



Practices: Non-profit; FBI

Education: Pepperdine Law School, J.D. 2011; Straus Dispute Resolution Institute, 2011; Calvin College, B.A. 2008

Bar Associations: State Bar of California; State Bar of Michigan

Justin Van Den Heuvel (Van Den Heuvel Law)

Justin Van Den Heuvel is an attorney at law specializing in criminal, business, and family law. He received a bachelor's degree in Business and Communication with experience in accounting, economics, marketing, and film production. Van Den Heuvel has leadership and management experience in a business setting and has an established reputation for his strong work ethic and for exceeding management's expectations. His specialties include legal research, oral advocacy, presentation skills, white collar crime defense, high asset, and business ownership divorce cases.



Practices: Criminal; Business; Family Law

Education: Thomas M. Cooley, J.D. 2014; Calvin College, B.A. 2011

Bar Associations: State Bar of Michigan; Grand Rapids Bar Association

Stephen van Stempvoort (Miller, Johnson Snell & Cummiskey, PLC)

Steve van Stempvoort focuses on appellate litigation, with an emphasis on the federal courts at Miller, Johnson, Snell & Cummiskey, PLC. Although his practice spans various aspects of complex commercial litigation, Steve's particular expertise is in First Amendment law, municipal liability, and new technology issues, including litigation and appeals related to defamation, online speech, discrimination, civil rights, and criminal defense.

In his appellate practice, Steve has represented clients in numerous state and federal courts of appeal, including the Supreme Court of the United States. He has also successfully petitioned for certiorari in the Supreme Court of the United States, obtaining a favorable remand for the client.



Practices: Litigation; Criminal; Employment Discrimination; Immigration; Unfair Competition; Employment Litigation; Election Law; Government Affairs

Education: William and Mary Law School, J.D. 2010; Pennsylvania State University, M.A. 2007; Calvin College, B.A. 2004

Bar Associations: State Bar of Michigan; State Bar of Pennsylvania

How Law Schools Evaluate Applications

3:15 to 4:15 pm

Carrie Feeheley, Michigan State University College of Law

Emma Schulze, Wayne State University Law School

Ashley Strawser, University of Akron School of Law

Let's Talk about the LSAT

4:45 to 5:45 pm

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