



A legion of WWRP partners named to the 2025 edition of The Best Lawyers in America®

Best Lawyers also awarded “Lawyer of the Year” to firm attorney C. Kim Shierk for land use and zoning law

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Birmingham, Mich. – August 15, 2024 – Michigan-based, full-service business law firm Williams Williams Rattner & Plunkett (WWRP) is pleased to announce that 13 firm attorneys have been selected by their peers for inclusion in the 31st edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*®. In addition, C. Kim Shierk, who maintains one of the most highly regarded real estate law practices in the state, has been awarded 2025 Best Lawyers “Lawyer of the Year” honors.

The following WWRP attorneys have been granted the Best Lawyers® designation in their respective categories of distinction:

- **Robert S. Bick:** Closely Held Companies and Family Business Law; Corporate Law
- **John W. Crowe:** Corporate Law
- **James P. Cunningham:** Family Law
- **Brian E. Etzel:** Commercial Litigation; Employment Law – Individuals
- **John D. Gaber:** Litigation – Real Estate
- **Robert B. Labe:** Trusts and Estates
- **Robert A. LaBelle:** Real Estate Law
- **Jason C. Long:** Land Use and Zoning Law; Real Estate Law
- **Jerome Pesick:** Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law; Real Estate Law
- **David E. Plunkett:** Commercial Litigation
- **Richard E. Rassel, III:** Commercial Litigation; Land Use and Zoning Law; Litigation – Real Estate
- **Richard D. Rattner:** Copyright Law; Land Use and Zoning Law; Litigation – Land Use and Zoning; Litigation – Real Estate; Real Estate Law
- **C. Kim Shierk:** Corporate Law; Land Use and Zoning Law; Real Estate Law

In addition to 2025 Best Lawyers, C. Kim Shierk has been recognized as a 2025 Best Lawyers® “Lawyer of the Year”— awarded to individual lawyers with the highest overall peer-feedback for a specific practice area and geographic region. Shierk received this accolade for her longstanding work in Land Use and Zoning Law in the Troy region. Only one lawyer can be recognized as the

"Lawyer of the Year" for each specialty and region. Shierk was awarded Best Lawyers "Lawyer of the Year" two times prior, in 2019 and 2021. Her practice at WWRP focuses on residential and commercial real estate development, with an emphasis on condominium law and a wide range of community property development. She also has extensive experience in telecommunications law.

About Best Lawyers

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