

ABOUT THE EDITORS

Mary Massaron, a former chair of the American Bar Association (ABA) State and Local Government Law Section, has concentrated her practice in appellate law for more than 30 years. A former law clerk to Justice Patricia J. Boyle of the Michigan Supreme Court, she has handled or supervised the handling of more than 500 appeals resulting in approximately 50 published opinions, including more than 100 appeals in the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. She has appeared for clients before the Alabama, California, Indiana, New Jersey, New York, and Ohio courts, the Tribal Court of Appeals, and all Michigan appellate courts. She is admitted to almost every federal circuit court of appeals and has handled matters before the Second, Third, Sixth, Seventh, and Ninth Circuits.

Ms. Massaron served as only the second female president of the Defense Research Institute (DRI), and the first woman president of Lawyers for Civil Justice (LCJ). In recognition of her professional accomplishments, Ms. Massaron was inducted into the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, one of only a handful of Michigan lawyers to be invited to join. She also is a member of the American Law Institute and a past chair of the ABA Council of Appellate Lawyers, a division of the Appellate Judges Conference. Ms. Massaron was also invited to join the International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) and the Association of Defense Trial Attorneys (ADTA), both peer-reviewed membership organizations.

Ms. Massaron has been recognized by Best Lawyers in America for Appellate Law and has been repeatedly acknowledged as one of the top 100 lawyers, top 50 business lawyers, top 25 women business lawyers, top 50 female lawyers, and top appellate law practitioners by Michigan Super Lawyers. She was recognized as the Detroit Appellate Practice “Lawyer of the Year” in 2017 by Best Lawyer and as the Bloomfield Hills “Appellate

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She has twice won the Cooley Law Review Distinguished Brief Award for briefs she wrote for clients in appeals pending before the Michigan Supreme Court. In addition, she received distinguished service awards from the Michigan Municipal League and Marygrove College, and Lawyer of the Year from *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* in 2002 and again in 2009.

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