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Notable Women in Law 2026

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The women who make up this year's slate of leaders in West Michigan's legal community have advised clients on high-profile acquisitions, led municipalities in environmental and alternative energy projects, argued appeals before state and federal courts, and sought justice for victims of crime. Their dedication includes mentoring young staff workers, volunteering to improve civic and service agencies, and shaping legal organizations to benefit clients, coworkers and communities.

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