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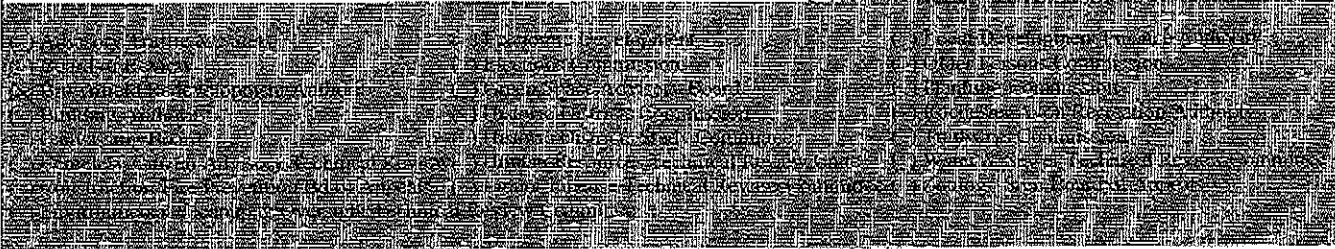
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ROCHESTER HILLS RESIDENT FOR 6 YEARS 8/2000 - 4/2003, 5/2004 to present

OCCUPATION _____

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES ON WHICH YOU WANT TO SERVE (please check up to five applicable boxes)



INTERESTS/REASONS/QUALIFICATIONS I am a homeowner in the city who lives next to a Brownfield and as a necessary result have experience with the effect Brownfields have on surrounding properties.

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES ON WHICH YOU HAVE SERVED (LIST MUNICIPALITIES AND DATES) Occasionally I have attended ZBA, Planning Commission and City Council meetings as the City Attorney. Namely, I serve numerous municipalities as the City Attorney in property tax litigation matters.

ELECTIVE OFFICES THAT YOU HAVE HELD Clinton River Valley Homeowners Association Board - District Representative

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS Oakland County Bar Association - Municipal Law Committee Michigan Bar Association - Real Property and Public Corporation Law Sections

PERTINENT EDUCATION A.B. with Honors, University of Michigan, Political Science and Religious Studies (1992); J.D., Wayne State University School of Law (1995)

HOBBIES/INTERESTS Cooking and anything that interests my 2 1/2 year old son.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION I have practiced in the area of real property and municipal law for 12 years and have experience dealing with environmental issues on behalf of clients.

Signature Stephanie Morita Date 10/19/2007

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Ms. Morita represents municipalities and non-municipal clients in such areas as:

- Municipal Law
- Ad Valorem Taxation Litigation
- Tax Exemptions
- General Municipal Litigation
- Municipal contracts and interlocal agreements
- Construction contracts for public works and related litigation
- Real estate, including title issues and plat matters
- Riparian rights
- Zoning
- General litigation, including, but not limited to, landlord/tenant, commercial matters, and estates and trusts

Ms. Morita also participates in round table advisory discussions with the Michigan Tax Tribunal and select Tax Tribunal practitioners located in Southeastern Michigan.

Ms. Morita received her Juris Doctor from Wayne State University Law School, in 1995. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan, with honors and dual concentrations in Political Science and Religious Studies in 1992. She was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan in 1995 and the United States District Court, Eastern (2002) and Western (1995) Districts of Michigan. She is a member of the Oakland County Bar Association and the State Bar of Michigan.

Ms. Morita has been a speaker at the 2002 and 2003 National Business Institute's Seminar on Property Tax Law in Michigan and at the 2003 Institute for Professionals in Taxation Michigan One-Day Tax Update Seminar. Also, she authored, "[Basement Flooding Claims Under Public Act 222 of 2001](#)," which appeared in the November 2002 edition of *Laches*, published by the Oakland County Bar Association.

Additionally, Ms. Morita co-authored an article with Assistant Attorney General James Riley entitled, "Vacation of Platted Lands Dedicated for Public Use," Public Corporation Law Quarterly, December 1999, reprinted with permission in the Michigan Real Property Review, 27 Mich Real Prop Rev 19 (2000).

Some of her more significant matters include:

- *The Detroit Lions v City of Dearborn*, MTT Docket No. 293748, 2005 Mich. Tax LEXIS 29, August 23, 2005.
- *Danse Corp v City of Madison Heights*, 446 Mich 175; 644 NW2d 721 (2002).
- *Electronic Data Systems v Township of Flint et al*, 253 Mich App 538; 656 NW2d 215 (2002).
- *Cargill v City of St. Clair*, 11 MTT 622 (2001).

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