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Ms. Lentz concentrates her practice on representing high net worth individuals in estate planning, probate, and trusts. She regularly advises nonprofit and tax exempt organizations regarding obtaining and maintaining exempt status, corporate governance, and general operational issues.

Ms. Lentz is listed in *Chambers HNW* as one of Michigan's leading attorneys for Private Wealth Law. She was named 2020 Detroit "Lawyer of the Year" for Trusts and Estates by *The Best Lawyers in America.* She is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America 2008-2020* under Trusts and Estates and in *Michigan Super Lawyers 2018* under Estate Planning & Probate. She is listed as a 2019 "Top Lawyer" for Trusts and Estates by *DBusiness* magazine. She is AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell. She is a member of Inforum and a Fellow of the American College of Trusts and Estates Counsel.

Ms. Lentz is Chair of the State Bar of Michigan's Probate and Estate Planning Section Council. Prior to joining Bodman, she was a partner at a large Detroit-based law firm before going into private practice.

Honors, Awards, and Recognition

- *Chambers HNW 2017-2019,* Private Wealth Law
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2020 Detroit "Lawyer of the Year," Trusts and Estates
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2018 Detroit "Lawyer of the Year," Trusts and Estates
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2016 Detroit "Lawyer of the Year," Trusts and Estates
- *The Best Lawyers in America* 2008-2020, Trusts and Estates
- *Michigan Super Lawyers 2017-2018* "Top 50 Women"
- *Michigan Super Lawyers 2011-2018,* Estate & Probate
- *DBusiness* Magazine "Top Lawyers" 2013-2019, Trusts and Estates
- Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent® Peer Rated for Highest Level of Professional Excellence; Endorsed for High Ethical Standing

Professional Affiliations

practices & industries

High Net Worth

education

University of Michigan Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude*

University of Michigan, B.A., with *High Distinction*

admissions

Florida
Michigan

professional affiliations

Financial and Estate Planning Council of Metropolitan Detroit

The Florida Bar

State Bar of Michigan

Women Lawyers Association of Michigan

- State Bar of Michigan
    - Chair, Probate and Estate Planning Section Council

- American College of Trusts and Estates Counsel, Fellow

Publications

- Co-author, "Predeath Planning: Lifetime Wealth and Health Fiduciaries," chapter in *Michigan Estate Planning Handbook, 3d Edition*, Kathleen Hogan Aguilar & Geoffrey R. Vernon, eds., ICLE (2016)
- Author, "Trustee Powers That Can Cause Tax Problems," *Trusts and Estates* (November 2008)
- Author, "Basic Estate Tax Simplified," *Michigan Probate and Estate Planning Journal* (Spring 2008)
- Co-author, "Estate Taxes and Their Impact on Your Business," Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce *Tips4Biz* (January 5, 2006)

Speaking Engagements

- Presenter, "Drafting for Changes in the Durable Power of Attorney Statute," ICLE Seminar (January and February 2013)
- Presenter, "Michigan Trust Code," ICLE Seminar (April 2011)
- Co-Presenter, "Estate Planning in Times of Estate Tax Uncertainty: Your Two Hour Survival Guide," ICLE Seminar (March 2010)
- Presenter, "Tax Sensitive Trustee Powers," ICLE Seminar on Planning Techniques for the Taxable Estate (December 2009)
- Presenter, "Basic Estate Tax Simplified," 47th Annual Probate and Estate Planning Institute (May and June 2007)
- Presenter, "Tax Sensitive Trustee Powers," ICLE Seminar on Planning Techniques for the Taxable Estate (December 2004-2006)
- Presenter, "Succession and Estate Planning Track: Post-Mortem Tax Planning Challenges," 1st Annual Family & Closely Held Business Institute (November 2006)
- Presenter, "Fiduciary Tax Review," 46th Annual Probate and Estate Planning Institute (May and June 2006)
- Presenter, "Tax Considerations for Trusts," ICLE Seminar on Trust Administration Under EPIC (November 2000)
- Presenter, "Baby Boomers are Retiring and Planning for Distributions from IRAs and Qualified Plans and for 20% Withholding Rules," 1994-95 After Hours Tax Law Series
- Presenter, "Family Tax Planning with IRAs," 1993-94 After Hours Tax Law Series

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