

STEPHEN KENT POSTEMA
Ann Arbor City Attorney

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

City Attorney, Ann Arbor Michigan (2003 – present)

Supervise all aspects of the Office of City Attorney. Manage eight attorneys, six staff, legal interns, and outside counsel.

Provide legal advice to Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, City Department Area Administrators, and City Commissions.

Office practice includes litigation in state and federal courts and various tribunals, general municipal advice, zoning and real estate matters, employment law advice, contract management and negotiation, labor law and collective bargaining, and prosecution of large volume of criminal and civil infractions.

Have reorganized and strengthened office, hired new attorneys and staff, and developed new initiatives for the delivery of City legal services.

Partner/Associate, Bodman, Longley & Dahling LLP, Ann Arbor (1990 – 2003)

Maintained litigation practice in the areas of general commercial law, employment law, trade secret protection, fraud, lender liability, construction, real estate, and negligence.

Maintained active practice in Washtenaw and Wayne County Circuit Courts and US District Courts. Appellate experience in Michigan Court of Appeals and the Sixth Circuit US Court of Appeals.

Provided legal and employment advice for individuals and a variety of institutions, including local townships, social service agencies, religious organizations, banks, technology companies, brokerage firms, and construction companies.

Prosecutor, Ann Arbor Township (1991 – 1994)

Prosecuted ordinance violations for Bodman law firm township client.

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| Associate Attorney, Schlüssel, Lifton, Simon & Rands, Ann Arbor | (1988 – 1990) |
| Associate Attorney, Burnham, Oesterle & Henry, Ann Arbor | (1987 – 1988) |
| Judicial Clerk, Chief Judge John Feikens, US District Court, ED MI | (1986 – 1987) |
| Judicial Intern, Judge James Doyle, US District Court, WD WI | (1985) |
| Research Assistant, University of Wisconsin President Robert O’Neil | (1983 – 1985) |
| Law Clerk, Various Law Firms | (1982 – 1985) |

OTHER LEGAL ACTIVITIES

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| Adjunct Professor, Ave Maria Law School, Ann Arbor, MI | (Fall 2008) |
| Taught State and Local Government Law Seminar | |
| Evaluator, City of Ypsilanti | (Summer 2008) |
| Outside evaluator and advisor for City Attorney RFP | |
| Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys | (2005 – present) |
| Serve on the Board of Directors. President. | |
| Michigan Municipal League Legal Defense Fund | (2005 to present) |
| Serve on Board of Directors. Chairman. | |
| Evaluator, University of Michigan Law School | (2004 – 2005) |
| For the Law School Dean, served as the legal practitioner in the evaluation of the legal writing program and the associate director for legal writing. | |
| City Election Commissioner | (2003 – present) |
| Speaker, Bodman Longley & Dahling Employment Law Seminars | (1995 – 2002) |
| ICLE, Demonstrator/Witness at Deposition Skills Workshop | (2000 - 2005) |
| Mediator, Facilitator, Case Evaluator, Arbitrator | (1991 – present) |
| SCAO certified. Successfully facilitated numerous employment, negligence, and commercial cases. Served as case evaluator in over 500 employment, negligence, and commercial cases. Served as AAA arbitrator. | |
| Speaker, Employment, Trade, and Community groups | (1991 – present) |
| Moot Court Judge, U of M Law School | (1991 – present) |
| Guest Lecturer in several classes, U of M Law School | (1991 – present) |
| Washtenaw County Bar Association | (1986 – present) |
| Served on the Board of Directors; Judiciary and Awards Committees. | |

LEGAL WRITING

(1997 – present)

“Injunctions,” Michigan Civil Procedure, ICLE (2006, 2004, 2002, 1999)

“Injunctions,” Causes of Action Formbook, ICLE (2007, 2005, 2003, 2001)

Numerous employment articles, BLD Employment Law Seminars (1997 - 2002)

LEGAL AWARDS

Michigan SuperLawyer, General Litigation Category *Law and Politics* (2008-2009)

Distinguished Supreme Court Brief Award, Thomas Cooley Law School (1998)

For *Shallal v Catholic Social Services*, 455 Mich 604 (1997)

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin Law School (1985)

Award: Wisconsin Bar Moot Court Prize

Activities: Jessup Moot Court Team; First Amendment Research Assistant

Harvard University (A.B., *cum laude*, 1981)

Major: History and Science, an honors concentration

Research Assistantships:

Harvard Warren Center for American History (1981-82)

Boston University Health Law Dept. (1980)

Harvard History of Science Department (1978-79)

Ann Arbor Pioneer High School (1977)

OTHER PERSONAL INFORMATION

Native of Ann Arbor. Married to Christina Cunningham (1982), four children.

Participant in Chamber of Commerce Leadership Ann Arbor Program 1994.

Active in charitable, educational, civic, and professional activities: