

**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 seven attorneys, five staff, legal interns, and outside counsel.

Provide legal advice to Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, City Department Area Administrators, and City Boards and 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 wide variety of institutions, including local townships, social service agencies, religious organizations, banks, technology companies, publishing companies, brokerage firms, architecture firms, and construction companies.

**Prosecutor, Ann Arbor Township**

**(1992 – 1994)**

Prosecuted ordinance violations for Bodman law firm township client.

**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**

**Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys** (2005 – present)  
 Serve on the Board of Directors. Immediate Past-President.  
 Presenter on municipal topics at MAMA seminars  
 Chair of legislative committee

**Michigan Municipal League Legal Defense Fund** (2005 to present)  
 Serve on Board of Directors. Immediate Past-Chairman.

**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

**Evaluator, University of Michigan Law School Dean** (2004 – 2005)  
 Served as the legal practitioner in the evaluation of the legal writing program.

**City Election Commissioner** (2003 – present)

**Speaker, Bodman Longley & Dahling Employment Law Seminars** (1995 – 2002)

**ICLE, Demonstrator/Witness at Deposition Skills Workshop** (2000 - present)

**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***

**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)

Activities: Cambridge School Volunteers

**Ann Arbor Pioneer High School (1977)**

Award: Horatio Chute Award- Outstanding Male Senior Student

Activities: Captain, Varsity Cross-Country and Track Teams

Varsity Basketball Team

## **OTHER PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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

Participant in Chamber of Commerce Leadership Ann Arbor Program 1994.

Participant in many charitable, educational, civic, and professional organizations.