



## MICHIGAN GRAND RAPIDS

## COURTNEY QUIST

Courtney Quist has been practicing family law for 16 years in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She is currently the Co-Chair of Collaborative Divorce Professionals of West Michigan Rapids (CDP) as well as a Trustee of the Family Law Section of the Grand Rapids Bar Association (GRBA). Courtney is a recipient of the President's Award from the GRBA, as well as a former Trustee of the GRBA.

"When I first started practicing family law, almost all of the cases were litigated. Many of the attorneys were old school, scorched earth types."

Times change, people change. "There has been a paradigm shift over the years, from position based litigation, to option based Collaborative Law and Mediation. Michigan now has a statute addressing Collaborative Divorce (MCL 691.1332), as well as Court Rules governing the practice."

"As family law attorneys, we have been on the front lines of conflict, and witnessed the unnecessary destruction of family ties, trauma to children, and the drain of resources from litigation."

The Collaborative approach to divorce preserves family ties and conserves resources. "Through the Collaborative approach we are able to reach a resolution specifically tailored to meet the needs of a particular family."

"The bottom line is that divorce is painful, but it doesn't need to be a war. I am proud to be an attorney committed to the Collaborative Process, and I encourage all family law attorneys to consider this process as an option."



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Mr. Marchese focuses on realistic problem solving techniques to resolve often times stressful legal situations. He is highly experienced in divorce and family law matters, and he has successfully tried and arbitrated cases in the most contentious matters. 99% of his cases are either resolved at or prior to mediation – this provides the added bonus of saving time, money and emotional distress. Mr. Marchese has been featured in several prominent publications including USA Today and has won over 50 national awards for his excellence in law practice and law firm management.



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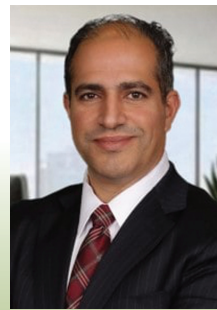
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Rami D. Fakhoury is the founder and Managing Director of Fakhoury Global Immigration, USA PC (FGI). FGI specializes in U.S. and global business-based immigration, and represents many leading brands in the automotive, IT, engineering, architecture, and health care fields. Since 1997, Mr. Fakhoury's emphasis on thought leadership and service excellence has enabled FGI to become one of the largest independently-owned immigration law firms in the U.S. FGI distinguishes itself by its technology-driven solutions and Six Sigma lean case management processes.

Mr. Fakhoury has received multiple recognitions including a Fellow of the American Bar Association, a 2018 Leading Lawyer and Equity Member of the Alliance of Business Immigration Lawyers, a Global Immigration Thought Leader by Who's Who Legal, and Super Lawyers 2017 and 2019. FGI is an AV ranked firm with Martindale-Hubbard and a U.S. News and World Report Best Law Firm for 2016 and 2017. These awards attest to Mr. Fakhoury's outstanding legal thinking, his high ethical standards, and FGI's excellent track record. His thought leadership is further shown by his authoring and editing of five immigration law books, his regular contributions to news sources, and his sought-after advice on immigration policy reform.



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Nicholas is a Professor of Law in Residence at the Michigan State University College of Law and is recognized internationally for his work involving autonomous vehicles and the law – what he calls “*enabling the transformation of transportation*”. Along with his product liability and advanced civil procedure classes, Professor Wittner teaches a pioneering course for the Law College and the University on the legal issues presented by highly-automated vehicles. He has organized, served as a keynote speaker, and moderated programs at the 2017 and 2018 Autonomous Vehicle Safety Regulation World Congress; and was the Program Chair for the ADAS and AV Legal & Liabilities World Congress in 2019. Moreover, he recently completed a major project for Michigan’s Council on Future Mobility to develop model legislation for the introduction of automated vehicles in the marketplace. Professor Wittner is a Life Member of the prestigious American Law Institute and has served as Co-chair of the ABA’s Product Liability Committee. For twenty years Professor Wittner was Assistant General Counsel at Nissan and before that an Executive Attorney with General Motors, managing complex product liability litigation and serving as a legal advisor on emerging safety technologies.



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## JOSEPH A. POWER JR.

Joseph A. Power, Jr. is the founding partner of the Power, Rogers, LLP law firm in Chicago, and a prominent trial lawyer focusing on cases involving medical malpractice, trucking collisions, wrongful death, product liability and catastrophic personal injuries.

Power received his undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1974 and his Juris Doctor degree from Loyola University of Chicago in 1977. Power was named as partner in 1984 and the firm became Hayes & Power. In 1993, the firm became Power, Rogers & Smith, and has recently become Power Rogers, LLP.

At the age of 28, Power became the youngest lawyer in the country to obtain a jury verdict in excess of \$1 million for his client. Power was the lead attorney in a trucking case which led to seventy-six criminal convictions, including the former governor of Illinois in the "licenses for bribes" scandal, which triggered the retesting of over 2000 truck drivers has obtained over 200 verdicts and settlements over \$1,000,000. He has the largest jury verdict in Illinois history for a contested liability personal injury case, and in addition, has the largest medical malpractice jury verdict in Illinois history. In the last two years alone, he has been to verdict in six cases, all leading to seven and eight million-dollar recoveries.

As a leader among personal injury lawyers, Power has been listed in the Harvard Law graduates Naifeh and Smith book, *The Best Lawyers in America*, every year since 1987. *The National Law Journal* recognized him as one of the top ten litigators in the United States and he has been listed in *Who's Who in the World*, *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in American Law*.

Additionally, Power has been repeatedly selected as one of the top lawyers by LawDragon, a group which selects the top 500 lawyers in the country. He has been named a top personal injury and consumer lawyer based upon polling of fellow lawyers in the *Leading Lawyer Magazine* since 2009 and is one of *Super Lawyers Magazine's* top ten lawyers in Illinois. He has consistently been named in *Chicago Lawyer Magazine*, including the "30 Tough Lawyers" where he was named one of the 30 toughest lawyers in all fields in Chicago. Those listed are, according to the magazine, attorneys you want "for you, not against you."

Power is involved in many professional organizations. He is currently the immediate Past-President of the Inner Circle of Advocates which is an organization consisting of the top 100 Plaintiff Trial Lawyers in the country, and Past President of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association, Public Justice, Celtic Legal Society and ABOTA (Illinois Chapter). He is a fellow with the International Academy of Trial Lawyers as well as the American College of Trial Lawyers. He is also a member of the Irish Legal 100, the Chicago Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. Power was appointed to the Illinois Supreme Court Rules Committee in 1993 and served as Chairman from 1995-2003 during which the committee promulgated the new discovery rules and mandatory voir dire. Due to his professional expertise, Mr. Power has been honored in such publications as *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who in American Law*, *Who's Who in the World* and *Who's Who of emerging Leaders in America*.

He has been recognized by several organizations for his work as a trial lawyer. Power was awarded "Protector of the Working Man" by the Illinois State Crime Commission, "Citizen of the Year" by the City Club of Chicago and "Board Member of the Year" by the Little City Foundation. Additionally, he was awarded the Civil Justice Foundation's Special Commendation Award for his thoroughness, tenacity and courage in uncovering and disclosing the "license for bribes" scandal. He received the Medal of Merit and Distinguished Award for Excellence from the Illinois State Bar Association and the Medal of Excellence by the Loyola University of Chicago School of Law. He was awarded the Tribute for Leadership on behalf of social justice and progressive change by US Action and US Action Education Fund, as well as the prestigious *Leonard Ring Award* which is awarded to someone who has devoted, as Leonard Ring did, a substantial part of their life and their practice to the Illinois Trial Lawyers, someone who has done more than is called for, and to someone who has the standards, work ethic and commitment to the Illinois Trial Lawyers that Leonard had. Most recently, Joe Power was awarded the Justice John Paul Stevens award which is presented annually by the Chicago Bar Foundation and Chicago Bar Association to attorneys who best exemplify the Justice's commitment to integrity and public service in the practice of law.

Active in many charitable organizations, Power, his wife Susan and/or the Power Family Foundation regularly contribute to Leo High School, the University of Notre Dame, Loyola University of Chicago School of Law, the Greater Chicago Food Depository, the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, Misericordia, Catholic Charities, Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, Free Spirit Media, Big Shoulders, the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation, St. Gabriel's Grammar School, St. Clement Church and DePaul University.

Power is married to Susan Power and they have four sons and three grandchildren. He and his wife live in Chicago.



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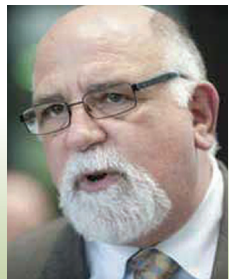

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## JED STONE

Stone & Associates, Ltd. is a leader in the field of criminal defense. Jed Stone has defended persons charged with serious crime in both federal and state courts. He has argued criminal causes in the supreme courts of Illinois, Louisiana, Wisconsin and before the Supreme Court of the United States. Stone is a Leading Lawyer in criminal defense and a respected advocate on appeal. He is a Fellow of the American Board of Criminal Lawyers. The Chicago Bar Association has declared him a Master Advocate. The American Society of Legal Advocates lists Jed Stone as one of their top 100 lawyers. With 43 years of experience at the bar, Jed Stone and his team of lawyers, investigators, paralegals and staff stand ready to defend you or a loved one charged with a serious crime.

Jed Stone is a past president of the Illinois Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and former chair of the Illinois Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty. He has held a faculty appointment at Lake Forest College where he taught courses in criminal law and procedure. Stone was recently inducted in the NAACP Civil Rights Hall of Fame in Lake County, Illinois Chicago-Kent College of Law awarded Stone the Abraham Lincoln Marovitz Public Interest Law Award in 2008.

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## ERIKA A. RIGGS

Attorney Erika A. Riggs graduated from Wayne State University where she earned her bachelor's and law degree. During law school, Erika co-founded a non-profit, The 313 Project, providing scholarships for at-risk youth, pro-bono legal advice as well as volunteer work in Detroit. She is a co-founding partner of Disability Law Group – a boutique disability law firm helping the disabled win the benefits they deserve.

Mrs. Riggs has devoted her entire career to assisting the disabled before the Social Security Administration and the Department of Veterans Affairs. Erika can regularly be found in her community engaging non-profits and volunteering at community events. She also serves as a volunteer civil court mediator and as a council member of the State Bar of Michigan Young Lawyer Section. Her compassion and commitment to under-served populations are as notable as her skilled and unique legal arguments. Mrs. Riggs received the inaugural Crain's Detroit Business 'Notable Women Lawyers' award in 2017, Avvo's Client Choice award for the fourth consecutive year, and the Rising Star award by Super Lawyers for the third consecutive year.



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