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Beth is a graduate of Albion College (1993, *magna cum laude*) and the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law (1996). She is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, Real Property Law Section, the Michigan Land Title Association, and has received several accolades in the legal community.

Beth (and family) are very excited about their recent move from Shelby Township to Grand Haven. Beth and her husband, Brad, a retired Shelby Township Professional Firefighter (IAFF) and Paramedic, have one son, Chase (13), who keeps the family very busy with his various sporting events and extracurricular activities. Beth looks forward to being able to spend more time with family and being more involved in all the wonderful outdoor activities she enjoys.