



Carina M. Kraatz

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Carina M. Kraatz is a construction and commercial law attorney at Kitch, Drutchas, Wagner, Valitutti & Sherbrook, a law firm with its main office in Detroit, Michigan. Carina has practiced at Kitch since 2017 while she has been licensed to practice law since 2010. Carina’s client base is composed of both domestic and international clients, corporations, associations, and individuals. She has litigated cases in a variety of jurisdictions at both the federal and state level in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Iowa and argued before the Michigan Court of Appeals. Carina has acted as both first and second chair in both jury and bench trials at the state and federal level. She has also participated in the arbitration process and serves as a commercial case evaluator for the Mediation Tribunal Association located in Wayne County, Michigan.

Carina is committed to pro bono representation and represents pro bono clients in litigation and through various “advice and counsel” clinics. She has received numerous awards for her pro bono work, including from the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan in 2019 and from the Detroit Bar Association in 2020 and 2021. In 2021, Carina also received the Committee of the Year Award for her work turning the Detroit Legal Services Clinic in a virtual clinic during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Detroit Legal Services Clinic is an “advice and counsel” clinic which provides free legal advice to Metro-Detroiters on a variety of legal issues.

Carina is excited to be a part of an organization which provides support for women in the construction industry. She hopes to encourage member engagement, community involvement, and increase membership discourse. Carina believes that NAWIC members possess unique skill sets and vast amounts of knowledge when can be shared amongst the membership to increase visibility across the industry and community. If nominated to the role of Secretary, Carina will actively work to increase community involvement, member engagement, local and national recognition and drive the Chapter’s membership base.

Carina looks forward to becoming more involved in this organization and meeting more of the Chapter’s members.