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## James R. Porritt, Jr.

<b>Education</b>	<b>1966 – 1970</b>	<b>OAKLAND UNIVERSITY</b>	<b>Rochester, Michigan</b>
		<b>Bachelor of Arts</b>	
	<b>1970 – 1973</b>	<b>WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY</b>	<b>Detroit, Michigan</b>
		<b>Juris Doctor</b>	
		<b>INSTITUTE OF CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION &amp; STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN PROGRAMS</b>	
		<b>Numerous Advocacy Institutes at the University of Michigan</b>	
	<b>1989</b>	<b>CONSTRUCTION LAW</b>	
	<b>1992</b>	<b>RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CONTRACTS</b>	
	<b>1993</b>	<b>BUYING OR SELLING A SMALL BUSINESS</b>	
	<b>1995</b>	<b>BUSINESS &amp; CORPORATE DOCUMENTS</b>	
	<b>1999</b>	<b>CREATE &amp; ADVISE SMALL BUSINESS</b>	
	<b>1999</b>	<b>ESTATES &amp; PROTECTED INDIVIDUALS CODE</b>	
	<b>1999</b>	<b>NEW LAND TITLE STANDARDS</b>	
	<b>2000</b>	<b>LIKE KIND EXCHANGES</b>	
	<b>2000</b>	<b>ZONING; OBTAINING VARIANCES</b>	
<b>2001</b>	<b>HANDLING COMMERCIAL R.E. SALE</b>		
<b>2004</b>	<b>LAND USE &amp; DEVELOPMENT</b>		
<b>2006</b>	<b>ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION TRAINING</b>		
<b>Professional experience</b>	<b>1973 - 1982</b>	<b>SCUPHOLM, UNDERWOOD &amp; PORRITT</b>	<b>Oxford, Michigan and Orchard Lake, Michigan</b>
	<b>1983 – 1986</b>	<b>TREINEN, BUNTING &amp; PORRITT</b>	<b>Lake Orion, Michigan</b>
	<b>1986 – Present</b>	<b>JAMES R. PORRITT, JR., Attorney at Law</b>	<b>Lake Orion, Michigan</b>
<b>Additional professional activities</b>	<b>1989 – Present</b>	<b>Licensed as Real Estate Broker</b>	
	<b>1990</b>	<b>Co-Founder of BEACON REAL ESTATE COMPANY</b>	
	<b>1999</b>	<b>Instructor, CURREY MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE</b>	
		<b>Rochester, Michigan [ Pre- Licensure Courses for candidates for real estate sales persons and brokers ]</b>	
	<b>2006</b>	<b>Chairperson, OCBA Real Estate Committee</b>	
	<b>Past President of Kiwanis</b>		

**Past President of Parents Association (Kingsbury School)**

**2007 -Member of Grievance Committee ( North Oakland Board of Realtors )**

**2007- Director Orion Area Chamber of Commerce**

**2007 – Member, PREM ( Professional Resolution Experts of Michigan )**

**Professional memberships**

American Bar Association – Real Estate Litigation Committee  
State Bar of Michigan- Real Property Law Section

Oakland County Bar Association – Real Estate Committee, Chairperson 2006-07

Rochester Bar Association

**Sample Litigation**

*Clemens v Lesnek*, 200 Mich App 156 (1993).

Mr. Porritt represented plaintiff home buyers in an action to recover for after discovered latent defects. The Court of Appeals affirmed a jury verdict for the plaintiff holding that it was not necessary to prove the defect presented a substantial danger in order for the buyer to recover.

*Addison Township v Department of State Police*, 456 Mich 910 (1997)

In this case Mr. Porritt served as co-counsel on behalf of the Township which succeeded in preventing the erection of a communications tower in violation of its local zoning ordinance. The State Police appealed through the Supreme Court on its argument that its authority preempted the local ordinance.

*Rusinowski, etal v Krause*, Michigan Supreme Court Docket No. 124988 (2004).

The Michigan Supreme Court denied leave to appeal a Court of Appeals decision affirming a judgment in favor of Mr. Porritt’s clients. The judgment enjoined violation of deed restrictions and ordered reimbursement to his clients of more than \$47,000.00 of attorney fees and costs.

*Trachsel v City of Auburn Hills*, Michigan Court of Appeals Docket No. 236545 (2000).

Mr. Porritt succeeded in winning a writ of mandamus through the Court of Appeals. The writ compelled the City to approve a land division it denied on the grounds the division violated their local ordinance. The Court of Appeals agreed that the Land Division Act was mandatory upon local governments.

*Shamrock Holdings, LLC, etal v. Knauf*, Michigan Court of Appeals Docket No. 266340 (2007)

Mr. Porritt defended the title of the holders of a deed to a rail road “right of way” and won the reversal of a trial court ruling finding that the title had reverted to the Plaintiffs when the railroad ceased use of the track.