



Mary Comazzi learned precisely what direction she wanted for her career by taking the right steps on the right course at the right time, and she strives to do the same for her clients. Mary's general commercial and aviation clients appreciate her honesty, practicality and responsiveness in assessing their issues and helping address problems they are facing, in the air or on the ground.

Mary helps clients craft, negotiate and document mergers, acquisitions, reorganizations, joint ventures, and other complex commercial transactions. She also has extensive experience structuring aviation transactions, including domestic and foreign-based aircraft purchases and sales, aircraft leasing agreements, timeshare and interchange agreements, joint and fractional ownership agreements, personal and executive use policies, FAA registrations, and Cape Town Convention and International Registry matters.

An experienced private practice attorney in Michigan, Mary also spent nearly six years as in-house counsel with CHI Aviation, a Michigan-based helicopter services company. There, she developed, implemented and managed programs involving virtually all aspects of its business including human resources, import/export regulatory compliance, Department of Transportation (DOT) and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) compliance, and facility and employee security clearances. She also handled complex corporate transactions, namely asset purchases and sales, contract review and negotiation and finance matters.

When the stakes and goals are high, Mary leverages her natural determination with her in-house experience and ability to understand the intricacies of the matter at hand and the client's goals to work through a problem until she finds a solution.

Mary's passion, outside of her practice, is giving back to her community – focusing on the next generation. Her husband and her two children have been the impetus for Mary to volunteer her time and support two organizations that help children fighting devastating and life-altering afflictions and diseases, including the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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#### **EDUCATION**

Ave Maria School of Law, (J.D.), Delta Theta Phi Alumni scholarship recipient, National Foundation Scholarship recipient, 2007

University of Missouri, (M.S.), agricultural economics, Department of Energy Fellow, 2004

University of Missouri-Columbia, (B.S.), agricultural economics, 2002

University of Missouri-Columbia, (B.S.), agribusiness management, 2002

#### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

Michigan

Virginia (Inactive)

## **LANGUAGES**

English

## **PRACTICES**

Aviation and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles
Corporate

## **Professional and Community Involvement**

Member, National Business Aviation Association Tax Committee, Planning Group

Past chair, State Bar of Michigan Aviation Law Section Council

Member, State Bar of Michigan Business Law Section

Member, Charles Woodson Clinical Research Initiative Event on Main Host Committee

## **Honors**

The Best Lawyers in America, 2024

Crain's Notable Women in Law, 2021