

Richard (Rick) Mills Speaking Bio

Rick is a shareholder with the Jackson-based law firm of Marcoux Allen in the firm's Jackson and Ann Arbor offices. Rick's practice is devoted primarily to trusts and estates and charitable giving. He is a frequent writer and speaker.

Rick co-chairs the Charitable Organizations Committee of the American Bar Association Real Property, Trust, and Estate Law Section and is a member of the Probate and Estate Planning Council, the governing board of the Probate and Estate Planning Section of the State Bar of Michigan. He currently serves as an Observer to the Uniform Law Commission's Management of Funds Raised through Crowdfunding Efforts Drafting Committee.

Rick has served on several trust legislation drafting committees of the Michigan Probate Council, including Michigan's trust decanting and domestic asset protection trust legislation. He served as a drafter of the *Qualified Dispositions in Trust Act*. He currently serves on the Probate Council's Uniform Fiduciary Income and Principal Act Committee. He is an editor of the *Michigan Probate and Estate Planning Journal*, a co-editor and chapter author of the charitable trusts chapter of the Institute for Continuing Legal Education's book, *Drafting the Michigan Trust*, and is a co-author of a forthcoming book about growing a culture of philanthropy in a small community with Monica Moser, CEO of the Jackson Community Foundation.

Rick is a fifth generation Jacksonian and serves on the boards of the Jackson Community Foundation, the Ella Sharp Museum, Catholic Charities of Jackson, Lenawee, and Hillsdale Counties, and the Cascades Park Foundation.