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Hillary Scholten is Senior Counsel in the firm's Employment and Labor practice with a focus on immigration law. Ms. Scholten is also starting up the firm's Government Affairs practice.

An experienced public interest lawyer, and the 2020 Democratic Congressional nominee in Michigan's 3rd District, Ms. Scholten possesses a wide range of legal skills, professional relationships, and policy experience.

Prior to joining Miller Johnson, Ms. Scholten worked for a legal aid organization, the Michigan Immigrant Rights Center; as an attorney for the United States Department of Justice; and as an Immigration Clerk for the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Immigration Law

Ms. Scholten brings a unique perspective to her work, garnered from years of experience in both the public and non-profit sectors. Ms. Scholten has worked to enforce and uphold our nation's laws with the nation's highest law enforcement agency, and defended the legal rights of vulnerable individual's right here in West Michigan. Through a combination of community organizing, political advocacy, and federal litigation,

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Practice Areas

- [Employment and Labor](#)
- [Immigration](#)
- [Public Sector](#)
- [Government Affairs](#)

Education

- J.D. *cum laude*, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, 2011
- B.A., *cum laude*, Gordon College, 2004

Bar Admissions

- Michigan
- Maryland

Honors

- Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law: Dean's Award, the Larry B. Shoda Award for academic excellence, and the Marjorie Cook Foundation Scholarship for Women.

Professional Affiliations

- Grand Rapids Bar Association, former Labor and Employment Section Chair
- Federal Bar Association
- ACLU of Michigan's Lawyer Committee for Civil Rights, volunteer lawyer



Ms. Scholten has been able to achieve great results for her clients. She has conducted notable casework on issues of sexual harassment, employment discrimination, wage theft and minimum wage violations, workplace health and safety violations, visa fraud, trafficking, civil detention and removal.

Government Relations

Ms. Scholten's experience in the public sector and her role as the 2020 Democratic nominee for Michigan's 3rd district has uniquely positioned her to advise on key governmental and regulatory issues. Her efforts on issues ranging from healthcare to the environment to economic reconstruction following COVID-19 correlate with ongoing federal and state regulation.

Professional Affiliations and Activities

Hillary is a member of the Grand Rapids Bar Association, where she previously served as the Labor and Employment Section Chair, and the Federal Bar Association. She is a volunteer lawyer with the ACLU of Michigan's Lawyer Committee for Civil Rights.

She is admitted to practice in the State of Michigan, the State of Maryland, the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan, and United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Community Activities

Ms. Scholten is active in her church, neighborhood community and her children's school.

Education

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While in law school, she co-authored *Penalty and Proportionality in Deportation for Crimes*, a scholarly article on immigration consequences of criminal convictions.

She earned her B.A., *cum laude*, in Sociology and Social Work from Gordon College in 2004.

Ms. Scholten is fluent in Spanish and proficient in French.

