

RUTHANNE OKUN

Ruthanne Okun has been employed in the field of labor and employment relations for 33 years. Since 1998, she has served as the Director of the Bureau of Employment Relations for the State of Michigan, where she supervises the Detroit, Lansing and outstate area staff of the Bureau and is legal advisor to the Michigan Employment Relations Commission. Ms. Okun was employed for nearly 5 years with the law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone in their labor and employment relations department and was a partner at the Riverview law firm of Logan, Wycoff and Okun, PC. She graduated *magna cum laude* from Michigan State University and, later, from Notre Dame Law School.

Prior to entering law school, Ms. Okun worked as the Personnel Director of Larden Co. - a manufacturing operation with facilities in Davisburg, Michigan and Plymouth, Indiana. This hands-on practical experience combined with her legal training has given Ruthanne a wealth of knowledge and a unique perspective on labor relations issues. She is a frequent speaker on labor and employment relations matters.

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