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Husband, wife make 'super' legal pairing

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Kelly and Roger Myers can officially call themselves "super lawyers."

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It's not ego. It's an official designation from Law & Politics magazine, which recently named the Brighton husband-wife attorney team among its 2008 Michigan Super Lawyers.

"Just to be nominated among your peers is quite an honor," Kelly Myers said. "It speaks highly not only of our credibility among our peers, but our legal aptitude."

Roger Myers agreed, adding, "I feel honored and privileged."

The designation is a distinction accorded to the top 5 percent of attorneys in the state as nominated by their peers. It is based on a survey of more than 30,000 attorneys in the state who have been in practice for five years or more.

Neither Kelly nor Roger Myers, who have been married since 1994, initially sought a law career. Both actually began college in pre-med studies.

Kelly Myers wanted to be a doctor since age 9. However, participating in a law day competition in high school sparked an interest in the legal field. When she began attending college, she initially pursued both medicine and law "because I was uncertain."

"It took me a semester to know medicine was not for me," she said.

She earned a bachelor's degree in history and [business](#) administration from Alma College. She received her juris doctor, magna cum laude, from the University of Detroit Law School, and a master's in business administration from University of Detroit in 1993.

Roger Myers, who is licensed to practice law in Michigan and California, has always had a fascination with the legal profession, but he pursued medicine, including an internship in an emergency room.

"I realized medicine wasn't the field I wanted to pursue," he said. "I have never looked back. ... Had I not switched, I would never have met my wife. We met in law school. The most important thing is it gave me the opportunity to meet my lovely wife."

Roger Myers, a political science major, received a bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame and his juris doctor, cum laude, from the University of Detroit Law School in 1992. He served as a law clerk for Michigan Supreme Court Justice Robert P. Griffin and has been in private practice for 14 years.

Kelly Myers, who is licensed to practice law in Michigan state and federal court, as well as the U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court, served as law clerk to Judge Steven W. Rhodes, chief judge of the U.S.



Brighton attorneys Kelly and Roger Myers are among the 2008 Michigan Super Lawyers named by Law & Politics magazine. (Photo by GILLIS BENEDICT/DAILY PRESS & ARGUS)

ABOUT KELLY AND ROGER MYERS

- Ages: Kelly, 39; Roger, 41
- Residence: Hamburg Township
- Family: Children, Morgan, 9, Gabrielle, 7, and Andrew, 6; they are expecting their fourth child.
- How you might know them: Brighton attorneys

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Bankruptcy Court Eastern District.

The couple settled in Livingston County when Kelly Myers got a job in Lansing and her husband got a job in Birmingham.

"He had a longer commute than me," she said, "but Livingston County was part way."

A little more than four years ago, Kelly Myers opened her own firm in Brighton while Roger Myers transferred to an Ann Arbor firm. They eventually merged their offices to one.

"We have complementary practices," Kelly Myers explained.

She practices in the areas of bankruptcy and creditor rights, as well as banking and real estate, while he practices in the areas of business litigation, real estate and zoning and land use law.

Together they lead Myers & Myers, a six-attorney full-service business and real estate law firm, representing a diverse client base ranging from individuals and small businesses to Fortune 500 companies.

The firm is on Grand River Avenue in Brighton, but it will relocate its offices to the former McPherson mansion on North Michigan Avenue in Howell in February.

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