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**Bio**

Shelley Kester is a distinguished figure in Michigan's legal sphere, specializing in family law. As President of Wilson Kester the Empowered Divorce Source, she's led the charge in advocating for children and individuals in divorce and family law cases. Shelley's pioneering work includes chairing the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan and serving on the Advisory Board to update critical Statewide Parenting Time Guidelines. Shelley has been a leader in alternate dispute resolution, writing on the topic, training in ADR, and Collaborative Divorce and service on the Collaborative Practice Institute of Michigan and Up North Collaborative Divorce Boards. Beyond her legal practice, she's a committed public servant, having served on the Children's Trust Fund Board, founding Chair of the Traverse Bay Children's Advocacy Center and advocating against domestic violence. Shelley's dedication extends to coaching clients towards personal empowerment and rebuilding their lives. Recognized for her contributions, she's received awards such as the Amelia Schaub Pioneer Award, Influential Women of Northern Michigan, Top 50 Women in Business and actively promotes equality in the legal profession through her involvement with organizations like the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan.

In Shelley's free time she loves spending time with her husband Paul, children Kayla and Nick, and their three dogs.