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Always prepared for each and every case, Monette's clients are confident they are in good hands.

Practicing exclusively in bankruptcy, Monette represents banks, financial service organizations, and student lenders in Illinois, Wisconsin, and bankruptcy courts nationwide. When her client's borrowers file for bankruptcy, they know they can count on her to keep their interests protected. Whether the matter involves a Chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 bankruptcy, her ability to manage any type of file – from routine matters to complex litigation – offers her clients a proficient, effective solution for all their recovery needs.

Monette began her career in bankruptcy as a Chapter 13 staff attorney for a Chapter 13 trustee. Now, with more than 30 years of experience under her wing, she applies her strong acumen of the practice in each and every case she represents. A client once commented on her work, stating "It was one of the most professional exchanges he'd had in his career."

In her free time, Monette is an avid reader of mystery and suspense books. She also loves to cook. Her specialty is the ultimate Midwest comfort dish - macaroni and cheese.

Focus Areas

- ▶ Bankruptcy Recovery
 - ▶ Bankruptcy Fraud/Intentional Acts Discharge Defense
 - ▶ Chapters 11 & 12 Bankruptcy
 - ▶ Real & Personal Property Bankruptcy Matters
 - ▶ Student Loan Discharge Defense

Honors & Distinctions

- ▶ Martindale-Hubbell BV® Distinguished™ Peer Review Rated Attorney

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Admissions

- ▶ Illinois, 1988
- ▶ Maine, 2020
- ▶ Ohio, 1997
- ▶ U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois, 2008
- ▶ U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, 1990
- ▶ U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois, 2008
- ▶ U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan, 2014
- ▶ U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, 2019
- ▶ U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, 1998
- ▶ U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, 2015
- ▶ U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin, 2015

Education

- ▶ J.D., The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, 1988
- ▶ B.A., cum laude, English, The Ohio State University, 1979

Affiliations

- ▶ American Bankruptcy Institute: Member
- ▶ Chicago Bar Association: Member
- ▶ Credit Education Coalition: President, 2007-08; Board Member, 1999-2008
- ▶ Creditor's Attorney Association: Secretary, 2006-2008
- ▶ Chicago Financial Women: Board Member, 2009-current

Publications

- ▶ "Creditor's Top Five Tips: Motions for Relief From Stay and Reaffirmation Agreements," Weltman Insight (September 1, 2021)
- ▶ "A Creditor Does Not Have to Return the Car, But What Should be Done?," Weltman Insights (April 15, 2021)
- ▶ "Your Top Chapter 7 and 13 Bankruptcy Questions, Answered," Weltman Insights (March 26, 2021)
- ▶ "Waiting For the Bankruptcy Tsunami," Weltman Insights (September 8, 2020)
- ▶ "Trends in Student Loan Dischargeability," Weltman Insights (June 6, 2018)
- ▶ "Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., LPA Attorney Monette W. Cope Elected to Rainbows for All Children Governing Board of Directors," Weltman News (October 4, 2017)
- ▶ "Supreme Court to Decide on Lien Stripping in Chapter 7," Weltman Insights (March 5, 2015)

Publications

- ▶ “Attorney Monette Cope Now Licensed to Practice in Maine,” Weltman News, 2022
- ▶ “Maneuvering Chicago’s New Chapter 13 Mortgage Modification Mediation Program,” Weltman Insight, 2022
- ▶ “The Ebb and Flow of Bankruptcy Trends: What Tides Will Come in 2022?,” Weltman Insight, 2021