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Ellie Gebarowski-Shafer is an associate in the firm's Vermont office, and her practice includes civil litigation, defending clients' interests in complex matters involving tort claims relating to personal injury, professional liability, property damage, and other liability claims. Ellie also helps Vermonters with family court matters, estate planning, probate administration, and contested probate matters.

Ellie completed her legal education through Vermont's four-year Law Office Study Program, under the mentorship of experienced attorneys practicing in the areas of personal injury defense, criminal defense, wills and trusts, probate and guardianships, immigration, juvenile law, and family law. Ellie passed the bar exam in 2024 and became admitted to practice in Vermont in February of 2025.

Ellie is also an independent scholar in religious studies with a prior career as a college professor for thirteen years at Rocky Mountain College, Rhodes College, and Middlebury College. She has experience working with special needs individuals and is certified as a Qualified Developmental Disability Professional.

Ellie has lived in Vermont since 2010 and in Rutland since 2020. She enjoys spending time with her adult sons and their pets, and walking while listening to John Grisham novels on Audible.

Experience

- Researched and wrote successful Motion to Dismiss in medical malpractice case in Vermont.
- Obtained favorable divorce settlement with alimony award and attorney's fees for client in Vermont.
- Represented nonprofit organizations in Vermont.
- Wrote a successful expert witness affidavit for an immigration asylum case.

Honors

- University of Oxford, Keith Murray Senior Scholar, 2002-2005.
- *Phi Beta Kappa*, inducted in May 2001.
- Finalist for the Rhodes Scholarship, 2001.

Professional Affiliations

- Vermont Bar Association, Associate Member
- Rutland County Bar Association
- American Catholic Historical Association

Civic Activities

- Daughters of the American Revolution, Member; past involvement in essay competition leadership and Children of the American Revolution leadership.
- Otter Valley Union Middle School and High School in Brandon, Vermont, past involvement as volunteer.
- *Phi Beta Kappa*, past involvement in membership committee and scholarship committee.

Publications

- "Reading in Global Christianity," *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, vol. 26 (Boston & Berlin: De Gruyter) forthcoming 2026. "Liturgy" and "Polemics" *global Christianity* published in vol. 16, 2018 and vol. 24, 2025.
- "Contested Hermeneutics between William Fulke and the Rhemish Testament," *The Oxford Handbook of the Bible and the Reformation*, eds. Jennifer Powell McNutt and Herman Selderhuis, Oxford, 2025.
- "The King James Vulgate," *Contesting Orthodoxies in the History of Christianity: Essays in Honour of Diarmaid* MacCulloch," co-edited by Ellie Gebarowski-Shafer, Ashley Null, and Alec Ryrie, Suffolk, England, 2021.

- "Women in Christianity: An Emerging Story," and "Sacraments: the Lifeblood of Christianity" *Bloomsbury Religion in North America* BRINA online, 2021.
- "Pentecostals and Divine Healing: Biblical and Evolving Practices," *World Religions: Belief, Culture, and Controversy* ABC-CLIO online, 2018).
- "Champions and Critics of the King James Bible," *The Bible and Interpretation*, November 2017. **(SITE)**
- "The Bible in Roman Catholic Theology to c. 1750," *The New Cambridge History of the Bible, Volume III: The Early Modern World, c. 1450-1750*, ed. Euan Cameron, Cambridge, England, 2016.

Speaking Engagements

- "Unintended Reformations: The Case of Nigeria," United Congregational Church, Salisbury, Vermont, November 2017.
- "The Polemical Contexts of Teresa of Avila's Commentary on the Lord's Prayer," American Catholic Historical Association, Denver, January 2017.
- "Catholic Critics of the King James Bible, 1611-1911," Princeton Theological Seminary, October 2011.
- "Attacks on the King James Bible in the seventeenth century," Corpus Christi College, Oxford, England, May 2010.
- "The Influence of the King James Bible on the Revised Version," Katholieke Universiteit Leuven and Lessius University College, Belgium, March 2011.

Capabilities

Practice Areas

- Defense Litigation
- Sports and Recreation
- Healthcare and Professional Liability

Credentials

Admitted to Practice

- Vermont Supreme Court
- United States District Court, District of Vermont

Education

- Law Office Study Program, Vermont
- Boston University, B.A., *summa cum laude*
- Boston University, M.A.
    - Certification in Paralegal Studies
- University of Oxford, D.Phil.