



September 25, 2015

**Michigan's Energy Director to
Speak At November Luncheon**

Valerie Brader is the Executive Director of the Michigan Agency for Energy. Her service with the administration began in 2011 and prior to this role, she served as Deputy Legal Counsel and Senior Policy Advisor to Governor Snyder, including work on the City of Detroit bankruptcy case. Before her service in state government she was a member (partner) at Bodman PLC, practicing primarily environmental and corporate law (with a specialization in assisting new or expanding businesses, from incorporation to securing permits and tax credits).

A Rhodes Scholar and published author in both the legal and scientific presses, Brader previously worked as the career law clerk for the Hon. John Feikens of the Eastern District of Michigan, as an environmental consultant to the EPA and Department of Defense, and for Gov. Phil Batt (R-Idaho) on environmental and natural resource issues.

Brader, who was the youngest person in the country to be selected to assist a federal court under the "Special Master" rule, was selected by Crain's Detroit Business as one of the "40 under 40" in Metro Detroit, by Michigan Lawyer's Weekly as a "rising star," and by the Joyce Ivy Foundation as its Leader of the Year.

Brader received her AB magna cum laude in government from Harvard and Radcliffe Colleges, has two masters degrees from the University of Oxford (an MSc in Environmental Change and Management and an MST in Historical Studies), and a J.D. magna cum laude from Georgetown Law Center.

Brader was the past winner of the Harvard College Women's Leadership Award and was first-runner up in the Pacific Legal Foundation's national writing competition. Brader served as an officer of the Women's Caring Program, Harvard Club of Eastern Michigan and Trinity Evan-

gelical Lutheran Church.

We are looking forward to a very interesting and informative presentation about Michigan's energy future. Director Brader will provide insight into Governor Snyder's energy policy and the future. She has been leading the effort to develop a long-range energy strategy for Michigan and will share with us this critical topic for Michigan's future.

There are 2 vacancies for At Large Members of the GVMC Board. If you know someone that may be interested have them contact us.

You are Invited to GVMC Luncheon

**Valerie Brader, Executive Director
Michigan Agency for Energy**

November 18, 2015

12:00-1:30 pm

GVSU

L. William Seidman Center

50 Front Ave SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504

RSVP Required by November 9, 2015

Cost is \$25

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