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Clients across the globe have come to depend on Cynthia J. Haffey's experience when legal action is looming. Her practice is focused on commercial litigation with a specialty in automotive supply chain and intellectual property disputes. Notably, because she won't represent OEMs, her automotive supplier clients can trust they are receiving unconstrained counsel. Ms. Haffey counsels and represents Fortune 500 companies and entities of all sizes. She has obtained multimillion dollar awards, verdicts, and settlements for her clients across numerous jurisdictions.

Cynthia Haffey has deep experience—litigating and prevailing—in federal and state courts and arbitration tribunals in Michigan, New York, Illinois, Arizona, Indiana, Maine, South Carolina, and Massachusetts. In addition to her experience in automotive supply chain and intellectual property disputes, she has decades of experience litigating shareholder disputes, corporate merger, acquisition, and other transaction disputes, fraud and other business torts, sales commission disputes, matters involving breach of non-compete agreements and misappropriation of trade secrets, real estate disputes, construction contract disputes, anti-trust, bankruptcy, and securities litigation.

Ms. Haffey is a Shareholder practicing in the firm's Detroit office. She was the first female ever to be elected to Butzel's Board of Directors. Today, Ms. Haffey focuses her leadership skills on serving as Co-Chair of the firm's Automotive Industry Team, Automotive Law Practice Department, and Global Automotive Coordinating Committee. She is additionally Co-Chair of the firm's Alternative Fee Committee and is a member of the Mexico International Team.

Primary Practice Areas

Automotive Industry Team
Litigation and Dispute
Resolution

All Related Practice Areas

Antitrust & Trade Regulation
Automotive Industry Team
Bankruptcy & Restructuring
Business
Business & Commercial
Litigation
Connected Car and
Autonomous Vehicles
Europe International Team
International Business
Lex Mundi
Litigation and Dispute
Resolution
Mediation and Arbitration
Specialty Team
Mexico International Team
Outside General Counsel
Services
Product Liability/Recall &
Warranty
Supply Chain Management

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Cynthia Haffey has been recognized repeatedly during the course of her career by numerous prestigious legal publications for her exceptional work in Commercial Litigation. Additionally, also throughout her lengthy legal career, she has shared her knowledge with clients and others through a variety of presentations, webinars, speaking engagements, and publications. Ms. Haffey is co-author of MEMA, the Vehicle Suppliers Association's *North American OEM Production Purchase Order Terms and Conditions Comparative Analysis*. Butzel has proudly prepared this analysis, widely recognized as an industry standard, each year consecutively since 2008.

Credentials

EDUCATION

Wayne State University Law School, J.D., *cum laude*

Western Michigan University, B.S. *magna cum laude*

ADMISSIONS

Michigan

MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association

Federal Bar Association, Eastern District of Michigan, former Co-Chair of Social Justice Committee

Oakland County Bar Association

Awards & Recognitions

Best Lawyers in America® – Commercial Litigation, 2024-2026

DBusiness Top Lawyers in Metro Detroit – Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights Law, 2012; Litigation-Commercial, 2018, 2020-2023

Michigan Lawyers Weekly – Women in the Law, 2012

Michigan Super Lawyers – Business Litigation, 2013-2023, 2025

Michigan Super Lawyers – Top 50 Women, 2014-2015

Chambers USA—America's Leading Lawyers for Business – Litigation-Commercial, 2019-2025

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Wayne State University Law School – Norman I. Lemmon Award; Walter Nussbaum Award; Boaz Siegel Award