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D. Scott Brinkmann is a Shareholder based in Butzel's Troy office. His principal areas of practice include all aspects of commercial real estate and real estate-related finance with an emphasis on the development, acquisition, disposition, leasing and financing of real property.

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Mr. Brinkmann concentrates his practice in the areas of commercial real estate and real estate-related finance, including all facets of development, acquisition, disposition, leasing and financing of real property. He also assists real estate clients with property tax, tax abatement, entitlement, land use, public utility and title matters. Mr. Brinkmann is experienced in affordable housing development and has provided counsel on loans, loan modifications and loan workouts for various US Department of Housing and Urban Development federal pass-through grant programs (HOME, CDBG and Section 108 Programs).

During his career, Mr. Brinkmann has played a pivotal role in several transformative City of Detroit development projects. Such projects include: 1) negotiation of a lease for the first state park in the City of Detroit (Tri-Centennial State Park, now William G. Milliken State Park and Harbor), 2) negotiation of municipal agreements and real estate support for the Gordie Howe International Bridge Project, 3) community benefits and tax

Primary Practice Areas

Real Estate

All Related Practice Areas

Acquisition & Disposition

Business

Business Partnerships, Joint Ventures, and LLCs

Land Development

Leasing

Lending

Property Taxes

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abatements for FCA US LLC's expansion of their Mack 1, Mack 2 and Jefferson North automotive manufacturing assembly plants and 4) community benefits, tax abatements and real estate support for the Detroit Pistons NBA franchise relocation from Auburn Hills to the City of Detroit.

Mr. Brinkmann is a graduate of Wayne State University Law School (J.D., 2005) and Michigan State University (B.A., Political Science, Pre-Law, 1999). He is also a member of the Real Property Law and Government Law Sections of the State Bar of Michigan.

Credentials

EDUCATION

Wayne State University Law School, 2005

Michigan State University, 1999

ADMISSIONS

Michigan

Awards & Recognitions

The Best Lawyers in America® – Real Estate Law, 2025, 2026

Michigan Lawyers Weekly – Michigan's Go To Lawyers' Power List, 2023

Michigan Lawyers Weekly – Go To Lawyers, Commercial Real Estate, 2023

Michigan Lawyers Weekly – Go To Lawyers, Real Estate & Condominium Law, 2022

DBusiness – 30 in Their Thirties, 2016