

# GEOFFREY S. GALLINGER

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Geoffrey S. Gallinger counsels and represents entities in a variety of business sectors throughout Michigan, Canada, and abroad regarding general business and corporate planning needs and transactions. Over the course of his lengthy legal career he has developed deep experience in corporate and business transactions and financing, including real estate transactions, development and financing, and troubled asset and work-out restructuring and financing. He routinely navigates mergers and acquisitions, partnerships and joint ventures, and shareholder matters for his clients.

Geoffrey S. Gallinger is a Shareholder practicing in Butzel's Troy office. He graduated from Michigan State University College of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 1987) and Michigan State University (B.A., Business Administration/Pre-Law, 1984).

Mr. Gallinger's practice includes counseling clients regarding general business and corporate planning needs, including all forms of real estate transactions and developments, acquisitions, leasing, financing, opinion letters, business and corporate project management and condominiums. He also has extensive experience in mergers and acquisitions, partnerships and joint ventures, shareholder matters and general business transactions. His areas of specialty are corporate and business transactions and financing, real estate transactions, development and financing, troubled asset and work-out restructuring and financing.

His representative transactions include the financing and acquisition of a \$1Billion portfolio of 27 operating properties; acquisition of McClouth Steel Trenton and Gibraltar plants and property; acquisition of Hotel Pontchartrain; acquisition of

## Primary Practice Areas

Business  
Real Estate

## All Related Practice Areas

Acquisition & Disposition  
Aerospace & Defense Industry Team  
Aerospace and Defense  
Automotive Industry Team  
Business  
Business Partnerships, Joint Ventures, and LLCs  
Cannabis Law Specialty Team  
Corporate and Finance  
Land Development  
Leasing  
Lending  
Mergers & Acquisitions  
Outside General Counsel Services  
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Aurora Hospital; acquisition of Kindred Hospital; negotiation and administration of ASC, Incorporated office and industrial plants portfolio sales; financing and restructuring of new plants, property and equipment financing for \$30M+ Loan Participation; entity structure and stock acquisition of Japanese corporation; negotiation of lease and design/build project for 400K sq ft distribution facility; negotiation of stalking-horse Purchase Agreement for purchase of warehousing and distribution center property in bankruptcy; purchase and development acquisition of Book Tower Building; \$250M financing for multi-state portfolio; and as local counsel for numerous multi-state real estate portfolio financing transactions.

Mr. Gallinger is the Past President of the Detroit Athletic Club (2019–2020) and served the maximum of six years on the DAC Board of Directors (2014 – 2020). Mr. Gallinger served and continues to serve in numerous other standing and special committee assignments; other service activities include Board of Trustees Ford Piquette Avenue Plant Museum; Greater Detroit Business Association, Inc., Board of Directors and Executive Committee; Downtown Detroit Partnership Stakeholder's Committee; Board of Directors (and Past Chair) for The Salvation Army Detroit Metropolitan Advisory Board; Board of Directors (and Past Chair) of the Edwin Denby Children's Home Advisory Board; Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Detroit Harbor Light Advisory Board; Board of Directors of the Booth Legal Aid Clinic; Detroit Economic Club Gold Club Member; Member of Urban Land Institute and Graduate of Larson Leadership Program; as well as numerous Board positions with privately-held corporations.

Mr. Gallinger is a member of the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law, and Business Law Sections of the American Bar Association and the Real Property Law, Business Law Sections of the State Bar of Michigan. He is a lecturer and author of articles for corporate and trade groups, bar association sections and business and professional seminars regarding real estate, and contract law and employment matters.

### Credentials

#### EDUCATION

Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University 1987, J.D.

Michigan State University 1984, B.A. Business Administration, Pre-Law

#### ADMISSIONS

Michigan

#### MEMBERSHIPS

The Salvation Army – Great Lakes Division Advisory Board – Board Member (Past Board Chair 2009–2011)

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Edwin Denby Children's Home – Board Member (Past Board Chair 2005–2009)

Great Lakes Harbor Light System – Board member

William Booth Legal Aid Clinic – Board member

American Bar Association – Real Property Section, Probate and Trust Law Section, Business Law Section, and Labor and Employment Section

Detroit Urban Land Institute – Member

Detroit Economic Club – Gold Member

ULI/Larson Leadership Program – Class 2014–2015

State Bar of Michigan – Real Property Law Section, Business Law Section

### Awards & Recognitions

*The Best Lawyers in America*® – Real Estate Law, 2018–2026; Corporate Law, 2021–2026

*DBusiness* Top Lawyers in Metro Detroit – Real Estate Law, 2012, 2014, 2021–2023; Land Use & Zoning, 2021–2023

Michigan *Super Lawyers* – Real Estate, 2025