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George E. Kuehn has focused his practice solely on business matters—domestically and internationally—over the course of his decades in practice. Clients trust the level of business acumen Mr. Kuehn brings to the table. In addition to his deep experience in providing legal counsel and representation to businesses, he has served in several executive-level positions at entities in a variety of sizes and sectors. His practice focuses extensively on planning, negotiating, closing, and administering sophisticated business and financing transactions, including mergers and acquisitions and debt and equity placements. Mr. Kuehn has been recognized numerous times during his career by respected legal publications as a top attorney in Business and Corporate Law in Michigan and nationally.

George E. Kuehn routinely advises businesses and boards of directors in business and legal scenarios relating to corporate governance, shareholder relations, product distribution, employment and discrimination, sales and marketing, governmental relations, long-term supply arrangements, contract manufacturing arrangements, and litigation and dispute management. In addition to serving clients as outside counsel, Mr. Kuehn has served as Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary of a multibillion dollar group of companies engaged in diverse businesses including the manufacture and worldwide distribution of beverage products, commercial real estate, and biotechnology. His direct senior management role enables him to approach legal issues with perspectives and insights shaped by his considerable business experience.

## Primary Practice Areas

Business  
Corporate and Finance

## All Related Practice Areas

Business  
Business Partnerships, Joint Ventures, and LLCs  
Commercial Lending  
Corporate and Finance  
Corporate Governance  
Outside General Counsel Services

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Mr. Kuehn's experience includes substantial international and domestic transactions involving acquisitions and divestitures of businesses and tangible and intangible assets, formation and dissolution of joint ventures, exchange of assets, commercial and private credit facilities, publicly held debt instruments, supplier financing, and financial restructuring. The transactions he's been involved in have taken a variety of forms and encompassed diverse tangential issues including stock, merger, and asset sale transactions, negotiated and hostile transactions, requirements for commercial and publicly held debt modification, pre-packaged bankruptcy, and federal and state antitrust and regulatory approvals.

George Kuehn is Of Counsel to Butzel and is a former Co-Chair of the firm's Corporate and Finance Practice Department, which encompasses Transactional, Finance, Real Estate, and Wealth Management Law matters. Mr. Kuehn rejoined Butzel in 2000 following his tenure at The Stroh Brewery Company where he served as Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary for nearly 20 years. Mr. Kuehn is a director of Besser Company and at various times has served as a director of other companies and as a member and chair of many committees and advisory boards established by the bar, industry groups, private adjudication facilitators, and municipal governments.

### Credentials

#### EDUCATION

University of Michigan Law School 1973, J.D. (*cum laude*)

University of Michigan 1968, B.B.A.

#### ADMISSIONS

Arizona

Michigan

#### MEMBERSHIPS

State Bar of Michigan

State Bar of Arizona

### Awards & Recognitions

*The Best Lawyers in America*®, "Lawyer of the Year," Corporate Law, 2023

*The Best Lawyers in America*®, Corporate Law, 2007–2026

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*Michigan Super lawyers, Business/Corporate, 2006–2008, 2010–2017*

*DBusiness Top Lawyers in Metro Detroit, Corporate Law, 2011, 2012 & 2015*