

KURTIS T. WILDER

SHAREHOLDER

Detroit
313 983 7491
wilder@butzel.com



Former Justice Kurtis T. Wilder is a Shareholder and practices in Butzel's Detroit office. He rejoined Butzel after nearly 27 years as a Trial Judge, Judge of the Michigan Court of Appeals, and Michigan Supreme Court Justice. Justice Wilder is one of only five jurists in Michigan history to have served on all three levels of Michigan's Court System. Justice Wilder concentrates his practice in appeals, litigation, and mediation and facilitation.

Former Justice Kurtis T. Wilder is a Shareholder and practices in Butzel's Detroit Office. He rejoined Butzel after nearly 27 years as a Trial Judge, Judge of the Michigan Court of Appeals, and Michigan Supreme Court Justice, one of only five jurists in Michigan history to have served on all three levels of Michigan's Court System.

Justice Wilder concentrates his practice in appeals, litigation, and mediation and facilitation. As a former trial and appellate jurist, Justice Wilder has unique perspectives on oral advocacy at the trial and appellate level, trial and appeals preparation, and alternative dispute resolution. Since returning to private practice, he has successfully argued cases in the Michigan Supreme Court, US Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and the Michigan Court of Appeals, and federal and state trial courts. He serves as a Neutral Mediator/Arbitrator with New Era ADR, a digital advanced dispute resolution platform, and as Senior Lecturing Fellow at Regent University School of Law. He is admitted as a member of the Bar of the United States Supreme Court.

Justice Wilder has been sought after for leadership roles in many organizations. He served as Past Chair of the Board of Directors of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, Chair of the

Primary Practice Areas

Litigation and Dispute Resolution
Appellate Law
Appellate Specialty Team
Mediation and Arbitration Specialty Team

All Related Practice Areas

Litigation and Dispute Resolution
Appellate Law
Business & Commercial Litigation
Access, Freedom of Information Act & Open Meetings Act
Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)
Appellate Specialty Team
Automotive Industry Team
Business
Education Industry Team
Election Law
Employment Litigation
Federal Government Affairs
Government Relations and Regulatory Specialty Team
Labor and Employment

KURTIS T. WILDER

Board of Trustees of Interlochen Center for the Arts, and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan. Justice Wilder also serves as an Elder and Chancel Choir member at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. He has served as Chair of the Board of Directors of the State of Michigan Community Corrections Advisory Board, the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, Nonprofit Enterprise at Work, and the Michigan Judges Association.

Justice Wilder graduated from the University of Michigan with an A.B. degree in Political Science in 1981, and from the University of Michigan Law School with a Juris Doctor degree in 1984.

Credentials

EDUCATION

University of Michigan Law School, J.D., 1984

University of Michigan, A.B., 1981

ADMISSIONS

Michigan

Supreme Court of the United States

United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan

MEMBERSHIPS

Fellows of the Michigan State Bar Foundation

Association of Black Judges of Michigan

Federalist Society, Board of Advisors, Lawyers Division-Michigan Chapter

Media Law

Media Litigation

Media, Entertainment, and Digital Content Law Specialty Team

Mediation and Arbitration Specialty Team

Outside General Counsel Services

Product Liability Litigation

Product Liability/Recall & Warranty

State and Local Government Relations

KURTIS T. WILDER

Oakland County Bar Association

Wolverine Bar Association

Michigan Chamber of Commerce, Chair, Board of Directors

Interlochen Center for the Arts, Chair, Board of Trustees

Alumni Association of the University of Michigan, Member, Board of Directors

Detroit Regional Dollars For Scholars, Advisory Board Member

Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Former Member, Board of Directors

The Children's Foundation, Former Member, Board of Directors

State of Michigan Community Corrections Advisory Board, Former Chair

National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, Former Board Chair

Nonprofit Enterprise at Work, Former Board Chair

The Sphinx Organization, Former Board Member

Michigan Judges Association, Former Board Chair

Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County, Former Board Member

Rotary Club of Ann Arbor, Former Board Member

Ann Arbor Symphony, Former Board Member

American Red Cross, Washtenaw County Chapter, Former Board Member

Awards & Recognitions

Honorable Harold Hood Award Recipient, presented by the Association of Black Judges of Michigan

2018 Jurist of the Year, Police Officers Association

Significant Sig, Sigma Chi Fraternity International

The Best Lawyers in America® - Appellate Practice, 2021-2026; Arbitration, Commercial Litigation, Employment Law - Management, Mediation, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants, 2025-2026; Litigation - Labor and Employment, 2026

KURTIS T. WILDER

*D*Business Top Lawyers in Metro Detroit - Appellate Law, 2020-2024; Arbitration, 2020-2023