

# MARK R. LEZOTTE

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Mark's practice focuses on health care and nonprofit organization matters, with a wide range of experience in formation, governance, major transactions, and mergers and combinations. His experience includes serving as health system general counsel, working on Michigan's nonprofit corporation legislation, and leadership in nonprofit organizations at the local, state, and national level.

Clients benefit from the extensive knowledge Mark has acquired during his decades of practice in the health care and nonprofit sectors. In addition to his extensive legal acumen, Mark offers his clients the advantage of his unique perspective gained from his many years of personal experience and dedication to numerous civic and community boards. He has served on the National Board of Directors of SourceAmerica, the National Board of Trustees of United Cerebral Palsy, and local boards and committees of the Metropolitan Affairs Coalition, MI-Side Community Impact Network (formerly Southwest Solutions), Bridgeway Services, Michigan United Cerebral Palsy, Metro Health Foundation, Detroit Leadership Academy, Disability Rights Michigan, the YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit, and the Generation of Promise Program at Focus: Hope.

Mark started his legal career with Butzel and then later served as general counsel of Oakwood Healthcare, Inc. (now part of Corewell Health), where he was responsible for all of the system's legal services, supervision of in-house legal staff, supporting strategic initiatives and joint ventures, and the engagement and oversight of outside counsel on a wide variety of legal matters including labor and employment, employee benefit plans, litigation, real estate development and zoning, business transactions, information technology, tax and tax-

## Primary Practice Areas

Health Care

Health Care Industry Team

Nonprofit Organizations

## All Related Practice Areas

Business

Corporate and Finance

Education Industry Team

Finance & Restructuring

Health Care

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Health Information Technology

HIPAA

Nonprofit Organizations

Outside General Counsel  
Services

Tax

Tax Exempt Organizations

Telemedicine & E-Health

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exemption, and intellectual property.

Before re-joining the firm, Mark also served as outside general counsel for another Michigan health system, working with the system's board and executive management on strategic matters, joint ventures, and contracting matters, and supervising legal and compliance activities.

Mark is an Of Counsel practicing in Butzel's Detroit office. He has substantial experience in corporate, health care, exempt organization, and tax matters, including corporate and nonprofit governance, hospital-physician ventures and other healthcare transactions, regulatory investigations, tax exemption matters, and a wide range of business and commercial transactions.

Active in numerous bar and professional organizations, including the State Bar of Michigan, American Health Law Association, American Bar Association, and several others, Mark has served as a former council member of the State Bar of Michigan Business Law Section and former Co-Chair of the Nonprofit Corporations Committee, and as a former Co-Chair of the Health Law Committee of the local Federal Bar Association chapter. He is admitted to practice in Michigan, the US District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, US Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and US Tax Court.

Mark frequently shares his knowledge with health care and nonprofit professionals and other lawyers. He has conducted presentations on a number of topics involving Health Care Law, nonprofit organizations, and tax matters, including health care reform issues; nonprofit board governance issues; hospital-physician transactions; Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and patient privacy provisions; compliance programs; informed consent in patient care and in clinical research; advance directives and health care powers of attorney; charitable giving; and tax aspects of business acquisitions and dispositions. He has been recognized by several prestigious legal publications in the areas of Health Care Law and Nonprofit Organizations, including *The Best Lawyers in America*® and *Michigan Super Lawyers*.

## Credentials

### EDUCATION

University of Michigan Law School, J.D.

University of Michigan, B.B.A.

### ADMISSIONS

Michigan

United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

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United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

United States Tax Court

### MEMBERSHIPS

State Bar of Michigan (Health Care Law, Business Law, and Taxation Sections). Past Co-Chair, Nonprofit Corporations Committee

American Health Law Association

American Bar Association

Federal Bar Association

Detroit Bar Association

Metropolitan Affairs Coalition (Detroit, MI), Board of Directors, public health task force, public policy committee

SourceAmerica (Vienna, VA), National Board of Directors Chairperson, Executive Committee, Governance Committee, Compensation Committee

United Cerebral Palsy (Washington, DC), National Board of Trustees, Governance Committee (Chairperson), Public Policy Committee (past Chairperson)

MI-Side Community Impact Network (formerly Southwest Solutions), Board of Directors, Vice-Chairperson; MI-Health, Board of Directors, Chairperson

Bridgeway Services, Board of Directors, Secretary

Metro Health Foundation, Board of Directors

Michigan United Cerebral Palsy, Public Policy Committee Chair, past Board of Directors and past Chairperson

Detroit Leadership Academy, past Board of Directors, past President

Disability Rights Michigan (formerly Michigan Protection & Advocacy Service), past Board of Directors, past President

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### Awards & Recognitions

*The Best Lawyers in America*® – Health Care Law, 2013–2026; Tax Law, 2021–2026; Nonprofit/Charities Law, 2026

Michigan *Super Lawyers* – Health Care Law and Nonprofit Organizations, 2008–2022; Health Care, 2023–2025

*DBusiness* Top Lawyers in Metro Detroit – Health Care Law and Nonprofit/Charities Law, 2014–2025

Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent Rating

United Cerebral Palsy Association – National Chairperson's Award, 2004, 2019