

Michael P. Donnelly has more than 30 years of experience representing clients in a wide range of sectors in complex commercial litigation and business matters. He offers strategic and straightforward counsel to clients—from Fortune 500 companies to small Michigan start-ups.

During his career, Michael has handled a variety of matters, from complex real estate dealings to insurance fraud. He focuses his practice on providing counsel to entities on business matters ranging from industrial leasing to gaming.

Michael Donnelly is a Shareholder practicing in Butzel's Troy office. He is a member of several bar associations and has served in numerous leadership positions. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Detroit Bar Association. He has also served in leadership positions in a number of professional organizations.

Mr. Donnelly has been recognized throughout his career in the areas of Commercial Litigation and Business Litigation by regional and national legal publications. He has authored and contributed to publications on the topics of Antitrust, Consumer Protection, and Landlord-Tenant Law.

#### Credentials

#### **EDUCATION**

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, J.D.

### **Primary Practice Areas**

Litigation and Dispute Resolution Real Estate Trade Secret & Non-Compete Specialty Team

#### **All Related Practice Areas**

Business & Commercial Litigation

Litigation and Dispute Resolution

Non-Compete & Trade Secret

Real Estate

Real Estate Litigation

Trade Secret & Non-Compete Specialty Team



#### MICHAEL P. DONNELLY

Michigan State University, B.A.

#### **ADMISSIONS**

Michigan

United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana

United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan

#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

State Bar of Michigan – Antitrust, Franchising & Trade Regulation Section; Business Law Section; Litigation Section, former Chair, Chair-Elect, Secretary, Member Governing Council, and Treasurer

Detroit Bar Association - Board of Directors

Federal Bar Association – Pro Bono Committee, former Chair

# Awards & Recognitions

Martindale Hubbell® - AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated

The Best Lawyers in America® - Commercial Litigation, 2025

Michigan Super Lawyers – Business Litigation, General Litigation, Intellectual Property Litigation, 2014-2025

Michigan Lawyers Weekly - Leaders in the Law, 2015

Leading Lawyers - Commercial Litigation, 2018, 2025

DBusiness - Top Lawyers - Commercial Litigation, 2013

BTI Client Service All-Star, 2011

# Community & Professional

Boys Hope Girls Hope of Detroit - Board of Directors, former Member



## MICHAEL P. DONNELLY

Detroit Racquet Club – former Executive Board Member, President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary

Detroit Bar Association – Volunteer Lawyers Committee, former Member

Detroit Bar Association Foundation - Fellow

American Inns of Court – Detroit Chapter, former Master

Order of the Barristers

Michigan Business Law Journal - Staff

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law - Jerome Cavanaugh Scholarship - Recipient

