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Michael Gutierrez is a Managing Shareholder of Butzel's Grand Rapids office. His practice focuses on complex commercial litigation, white collar defense, and internal investigations. Mike handles matters for business entities and individuals throughout Michigan and nationally, and he has been recognized for his experience in the area of business litigation by numerous leading legal industry publications, including *Crain's*, *SuperLawyers®*, and *Michigan Lawyer's Weekly*.

Michael Gutierrez is a Managing Shareholder of Butzel's Grand Rapids office. Mike represents businesses and individuals in complex litigation matters and internal investigations throughout Michigan and nationally. He is recognized for his experience in the area of business litigation by several well-respected legal industry publications based on his many accomplishments and lengthy record of achieving positive outcomes on behalf of clients. Mike is a member of the Business Law and Litigation Sections of the State Bar of Michigan.

In addition to representing businesses and individuals in complex litigation matters, Mike also represents witnesses, businesses, and company executives in connection with internal investigations, as well as criminal, civil, and regulatory proceedings arising out of allegations of fraud and violations of state and federal law and regulations.

The depth of his experience includes practicing in state and federal courts, as well as in private arbitrations, not only in business and commercial litigation, but also in matters relevant to the automotive sector, and pertinent to supply chain management, civil defense and investigation, and white collar criminal defense.

Primary Practice Areas

Litigation and Dispute
Resolution

All Related Practice Areas

Automotive Industry Team

Business & Commercial
Litigation

Business Partnerships, Joint
Ventures, and LLCs

Internal Investigations

Litigation and Dispute
Resolution

Mediation and Arbitration
Specialty Team

Outside General Counsel
Services

Supply Chain Management

White Collar Crime, Civil
Defense, and Investigation

White Collar Criminal Defense

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Mike received his B.A., *magna cum laude*, from North Park University, and his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from the University of Illinois College of Law, where he served as an Associate Editor of the University of Illinois Law Review.

Clients include:

- Companies and their officers, directors, and employees facing allegations of violations of state and federal statutes and regulations, as well as internal investigations and compliance-related matters
- Manufacturers in supply chain litigation involving stop-shipment situations, requests for injunctive relief, volume and pricing disputes, and related “terms and conditions” negotiations and litigation
- Business owners and officers in litigation arising out of equity interest valuation and corporate governance disputes, including claims of shareholder and member oppression, breaches of fiduciary duties, and errors and omissions of company officers and directors
- Employers and employees in litigation arising out of contractual and fiduciary duties, including covenants not to compete, covenants not to solicit, non-disclosure agreements, and claims of trade secret misappropriation.

Credentials

EDUCATION

University of Illinois College of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*

North Park University, B.A., *magna cum laude*

ADMISSIONS

Illinois

Michigan

Awards & Recognitions

The Best Lawyers in America® – Commercial Litigation, 2025–2026

Crain's Grand Rapids Business Journal – Notable West Michigan Lawyers

Michigan Lawyers Weekly – Michigan Go To Lawyers, Business Litigation

Super Lawyers, Rising Stars, Business Litigation, 2019–2021

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Grand Rapids Magazine – Top Lawyers, Litigation – Commercial, 2023

Thomson Reuters Stand-Out Lawyer

Eagle Scout, National Eagle Scout Association