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W. Patrick Dreisig concentrates his practice on advising small and medium-sized, closely held and family-owned businesses and their owners. His clients benefit from his deep experience acquired during his more than four decades in private practice. Mr. Dreisig advises clients in general business matters, corporate governance, strategic business, succession and estate planning, and business transactions in a variety of industries. He has been recognized repeatedly by numerous authoritative publications for his experience in these areas.

Clients have come to depend on Mr. Dreisig's experience in matters including strategic business, succession and estate planning, corporate governance, mergers and acquisitions, divestitures, joint ventures, recapitalizations, debt and equity finance transactions, venture capital transactions, supply agreements, intellectual property development and licensing transactions, customer and supplier workouts, entity selection and formation and other complex matters inherent to doing business on any scale. He is renowned for his experience in family and closely held business and corporate governance matters.

Notably, Mr. Dreisig was lead counsel for the sellers in the Deal of the Year for large transactions (over \$50 million in revenue) awarded by the *Association for Corporate Growth (Detroit Chapter)* in 2023. Mr. Dreisig's client was the seller of a manufacturer of highly engineered automated industrial assembly systems, with operations in the US and in numerous foreign countries.

Primary Practice Areas

Business
Corporate and Finance

All Related Practice Areas

Automotive Industry Team
Banking & Finance Law
Business
Business Partnerships, Joint Ventures, and LLCs
Commercial Lending
Connected Car and Autonomous Vehicles
Corporate and Finance
Corporate Governance
Fund Formation
Mergers & Acquisitions
Mutual Funds/Registered Funds
Private Equity
Product Liability/Recall & Warranty
Regulatory Compliance
Supply Chain Management

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Also, of significance, *The Best Lawyers in America*® has named Mr. Dreisig as Lawyer of the Year in Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law for 2022 and, in addition, as Lawyer of the Year in Corporate Governance Law for 2025. *The Best Lawyers in America*® has also recognized Mr. Dreisig in the areas of Mergers and Acquisitions, Banking and Finance, and Corporate Law. He has additionally been named to *DBusiness* magazine's lists of Top Lawyers in Metro Detroit and Top Corporate Counsel.

Mr. Dreisig is a Shareholder practicing in Butzel's Troy office. He previously served as a Vice-President, Treasurer, and Director of the Firm and as Co-Chair of the firm's Finance Committee. He is a member of the Business Law Sections of the American Bar Association and the State Bar of Michigan. He has served as a member of MEMA, The Vehicle Suppliers Association's Legal Issues Council and also as past counsel to the organization's Chief Purchasing Officers Council.

Credentials

EDUCATION

Wayne State University Law School, J.D.

University of Michigan, B.A., with distinction

ADMISSIONS

Michigan

MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association – Business Law and Section

State Bar of Michigan – Business Law Section

MEMA, The Vehicle Suppliers Association – Legal Issues Council, past member; Chief Purchasing Officers Council, past counsel

Awards & Recognitions

Association for Corporate Growth – Detroit Chapter – Deal of the Year, Large Transactions (Over \$50 Million in Revenue), lead counsel for seller, 2023

The Best Lawyers in America® – Lawyer of the Year – Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law, 2022; Corporate Governance Law, 2025

The Best Lawyers in America® – Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law, 2013–2026; Corporate Governance Law, 2014–2026; Corporate Law, 2025–2026; Banking and Finance Law, 2025–2026; Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 2025–2026

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DBusiness – Top Lawyers in Metro Detroit – Corporate Law, Mergers & Acquisitions Law, 2018; Banking & Financial Service Law, 2021, 2023

DBusiness– Top Corporate Counsel, 2016

Leading Lawyers – Closely & Privately Held Business Law; Mergers & Acquisitions Law, 2021

Wayne Law Review, Wayne State University, Editor, 1976–77