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## Butzel Long attorney Geaneen Arends named to serve on the Detroit Regional Chamber's Detroit Board Leadership Program Advisory Board

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DETROIT, Mich. – Butzel Long attorney and shareholder Geaneen M. Arends has been named to serve on the Advisory Board for the Detroit Board Leadership Program (DBLP). The DBLP was formed by the Detroit Regional Chamber in partnership with Central Michigan University and Grand Valley State University and aims to connect business leaders, who have the right mix of skills and a desire to help Detroit's kids succeed academically, with open seats on public charter school boards.

The DBLP's comprehensive training provides interested board applicants with a deep-dive into board governance and responsibilities; a broad understanding of the current education landscape; insight into how public charter school boards work with their school authorizers and operators, and; the importance and value of boards being connected to the communities that they serve.

Based in the firm's Detroit office, Arends concentrates her practice on general business law and commercial real estate transactions.

Arends assists business clients with general business planning, entity formation and maintenance, mergers, acquisitions, private placements, woman-owned/minority-owned/disadvantaged business certification, and general business contracts. She also advises business clients on a variety of real estate transactions, including financing, acquisition, development and leasing of multi-family residential, retail, office and industrial properties.

Arends is a graduate of Michigan State University (B.A., History, 1994) and of Boston College Law School (J.D., 1998). She is admitted to the State Bar of Michigan and the United States District Court of the Eastern District of Michigan.

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She is an alumna of Leadership Detroit, Class XXVII. She also serves on the Board of Trustees of the Detroit Historical Society and Detroit Public Television. Arends also is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.