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Best Lawyers Names Two Butzel Long Shareholders as 2012 Best Lawyers of the Year in their respective practice

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- *Justin G. Klimko has been named the Best Lawyers' 2012 Detroit Corporate Governance Law Lawyer of the Year*

- *Robert A. Boonin has been named the Best Lawyers' 2012 Ann Arbor Litigation - Labor & Employment Lawyer of the Year*

DETROIT, Mich. – *Best Lawyers*, the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession, has named **Butzel Long** President **Justin G. Klimko** as the "Detroit *Best Lawyers* Corporate Governance Law Lawyer of the Year" for 2012, and **Butzel Long** shareholder **Robert A. Boonin** as the "Ann Arbor *Best Lawyers* Litigation - Labor & Employment Lawyer of the Year" for 2012. Both are also recognized as *Best Lawyers* in other categories, as well.

After more than a quarter of a century in publication, *Best Lawyers* is designating "Lawyers of the Year" in high-profile legal specialties in large legal communities. Only a single lawyer in each specialty in each community is being honored as the "Lawyer of the Year."

Best Lawyers compiles its lists of outstanding attorneys by conducting exhaustive peer-review surveys in which thousands of leading lawyers confidentially evaluate their professional peers. The current, 18th edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* (2012) is based on more than 3.9 million detailed evaluations of lawyers by other lawyers.

The lawyers being honored as "Lawyers of the Year" have received particularly high ratings in *Best Lawyers* surveys by earning a high level of respect among their peers for their

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abilities, professionalism, and integrity.

"It is fitting and quite an honor that both Justin and Rob have been recognized by their peers as *Best Lawyers*' 2012 Lawyers of the Year," said **Richard E. Rassel**, Chairman, Butzel Long. "This recognition speaks very highly of their abilities and the respect that both of them have earned in the legal profession. Their colleagues at Butzel Long have long known of their skills and integrity, and it is appropriate that both Justin and Rob are being recognized publicly by their peers throughout the broader profession as leaders."

Mr. Rassel continued, "We are honored that many of our attorneys are recognized annually through publications like *Best Lawyers in America*."

Thirty-seven **Butzel Long** attorneys have been chosen by their peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America® 2012 edition.

Justin G. Klimko

Mr. Klimko has extensive experience in securities regulation, corporate financing, mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance and general corporate matters, fields in which he has practiced since 1980.

Mr. Klimko graduated from Duke University Law School (J.D., with distinction, 1980) and Ohio University (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1977).

Robert A. Boonin

Mr. Boonin's practice is largely concentrated in the areas of labor, employment discrimination, wage and hour and education law.

Mr. Boonin is an honors graduate of The University of Michigan Law School (J.D. 1985), and he received his undergraduate degree from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania (B.S. Economics 1976). He also holds a Masters Degree in Labor and Industrial Relations from Michigan State University (M.L.I.R. 1980).

About Butzel Long

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