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Butzel Long Attorneys Named to Best Lawyers in America 2021

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DETROIT, Mich. – Seventy Butzel Long attorneys have been chosen by their peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America® 2021* (copyright 2021 by Woodward/White, Inc. of Aiken, SC). Moreover, seven firm attorneys have been named to *Best Lawyers in America® 2021 Ones to Watch*.

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Lawyer of the Year

The following firm attorneys have been named *Lawyer of the Year* – **R. Peter Prokop** (Tax Law) – Bloomfield Hills and **James J. Urban** (Litigation – Construction) – Lansing.

Butzel Long attorneys named to Best Lawyers for the first time

Notably, the following firm attorneys have been named to *Best Lawyers* for the first time:

Maura Corrigan (Appellate Practice) – Detroit; **Michael Decker** (Litigation -- Construction) – Lansing; **George B. Donnini** (Criminal Defense: White Collar) – Detroit; **Susan L. Johnson** (Litigation – Environmental) – Bloomfield Hills; **Kaveh Kashef** (Litigation – Labor and Employment) – Bloomfield Hills; **Daniel J. McCarthy** (Appellate Practice) – Bloomfield Hills; **Scott Patterson** (Employment Law – Management) – Bloomfield Hills; **Daniel Rustmann** (Commercial Litigation) – Detroit; **Kurtis T.**

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Wilder (Appellate Practice) – Detroit; **Roxana Zaha** (Real Estate Law) – Bloomfield Hills.

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch

The following firm attorneys have been named to *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*: **Javon R. David** (Commercial Litigation) – Bloomfield Hills; **Damien DuMouchel** (Criminal Defense: White-Collar) – Bloomfield Hills; **Michael R. Griffie**, (Commercial Litigation/ Litigation – Labor and Employment) – Detroit; **Rebecca Klein** (Commercial Litigation) – Detroit; **Shanika A. Owens** (Real Estate Law) – Detroit; **Ivonne M. Soler** (Family Law); **Hannah E. Treppa** (Litigation – Labor and Employment) – Detroit.

The following Butzel Long attorneys were selected for the 2021 edition:

Butzel Long – Ann Arbor Law office

- **Regan K. Dahle** (Employment Law – Management; Labor Law – Management; Litigation – Labor and Employment)
- **Jennifer A. Dukarski** (Litigation – Intellectual Property)
- **Nancy Keppelman** (Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law)
- **George E. Kuehn** (Corporate Law)
- **Mark T. Nelson** (Litigation – Labor and Employment; Litigation – Trusts and Estates)
- **Claudia Rast** (CleanTech Law; Environmental Law; Information Technology Law; Privacy and Data Security Law)
- **Diane M. Souby** (Employment Law – Management; Litigation – ERISA)
- **Robert B. Stevenson** (Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law; Litigation – ERISA)
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Butzel Long – Bloomfield Hills office

- **Alexander B. Bragdon** (Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law; Litigation – ERISA)
- **Stephen A. Bromberg** (Litigation – Real Estate; Real Estate Law)

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- **Carey A. DeWitt** (Employment Law – Management; Litigation – Labor and Employment)
- **W. Patrick Dreisig** (Closely Held Companies and Family Business Law; Corporate Governance Law)
- **Geoffrey S. Gallinger** (Corporate Law; Real Estate Law)
- **Debra A. Geroux** (Commercial Litigation; Health Care Law)
- **Michael F. Golab** (Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships); Corporate Law)
- **Beth S. Gotthelf** (Environmental Law; Litigation – Environmental)
- **David W. Hipp** (Real Estate Law)
- **Susan L. Johnson** (Litigation – Environmental)
- **Thomas A. Kabel** (Real Estate Law)
- **Kaveh Kashef** (Litigation – Labor and Employment)
- **Sheldon H. Klein** (Commercial Litigation; Litigation – Antitrust)
- **Bushra A. Malik** (Immigration Law)
- **Daniel J. McCarthy** (Appellate Practice)
- **Allan Nachman** (Real Estate Law)
- **Max J. Newman** (Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/ Insolvency and Reorganization Law)
- **Scott Patterson** (Employment Law – Management)
- **William A. Penner** (Trusts and Estates)
- **Robert P. Perry** (Trusts and Estates)
- **R. Peter Prokop** (Corporate Law; Tax Law)
- **Thomas B. Radom** (Banking and Finance Law; Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/ Insolvency and Reorganization Law)
- **Richard E. Rassel** (Commercial Litigation)
- **Brett A. Rendeiro** (Commercial Litigation)
- **Dennis B. Schultz** (Construction Law; Litigation – Construction; Litigation – Real Estate)
- **Robert H. Schwartz** (Health Care Law)
- **T. Gordon Scupholm II** (Family Law)
- **John D. Selesko** (Trusts and Estates)
- **Thomas L. Shaevisky** (Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law; Litigation – ERISA)
- **Jack D. Shumate** (Environmental Law; Litigation – Environmental)
- **Thomas C. Simpson** (Litigation – Real Estate; Real Estate Law)
- **David W. Sommerfeld** (Litigation – Trusts and Estates; Trusts and Estates)
- **Daniel B. Tukul** (Employment Law – Management; Labor Law – Management; Litigation – Labor and Employment)

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- **Roxana Zaha** (Real Estate Law)

Butzel Long – Detroit office

- **Linda J. Armstrong** (Immigration Law)
- **James C. Bruno** (Corporate Law; International Mergers and Acquisitions; International Trade and Finance Law)
- **Maura Corrigan** (Appellate Practice)
- **David Devine** (Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/ Insolvency and Reorganization Law)
- **George B. Donnini** (Criminal Defense: White-Collar)
- **Arthur Dudley II** (Corporate Law)
- **David F. DuMouchel** (Bet-the-Company Litigation; Criminal Defense: White-Collar; Ethics and Professional Responsibility Law)
- **Eric J. Flessland** (Construction Law; Litigation – Construction)
- **John P. Hancock, Jr.** (Employment Law – Management; Labor Law – Management; Litigation – Labor and Employment)
- **Robert A. Hudson** (Corporate Law; International Trade and Finance Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law)
- **William Kliffel** (Product Liability Litigation – Defendants)
- **Justin G. Klimko** (Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships); Corporate Compliance Law; Corporate Governance Law; Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law; Securities/ Capital Markets Law; Securities Regulation)
- **Phillip C. Korovesis** (Commercial Litigation)
- **Mark R. Lezotte** (Health Care Law; Tax Law)
- **Clara DeMatteis Mager** (Immigration Law)
- **Donald B. Miller** (Employment Law – Management; Labor Law – Management; Litigation – Labor and Employment; Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants; Product Liability Litigation – Defendants)
- **Reginald A. Pacis** (Immigration Law)
- **James S. Rosenfeld** (Employment Law – Management; Labor Law – Management; Litigation – Labor and Employment)
- **Daniel Rustmann** (Commercial Litigation)
- **Bruce L. Sendek** (Commercial Litigation)
- **Nicholas J. Stasevich** (Corporate Law)
- **Kurtis T. Wilder** (Appellate Practice)

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- **James E. Wynne** (Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants; Product Liability Litigation – Defendants)

Butzel Long – Lansing office

- **Michael Decker** (Litigation – Construction)
- **James J. Urban** (Construction Law; Litigation – Construction)

Butzel Long – Washington, DC office

- **Thomas Bick** (Environmental Law)
- **Thomas Earl Patton** (Commercial Litigation; Criminal Defense: White-Collar; Litigation – Securities)