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Butzel Long Chairman Richard E. Rassel named to *Michigan Lawyers Weekly's* Hall of Fame

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DETROIT, Mich. – Butzel Long Chairman, Richard E. Rassel, has been named to *Michigan Lawyers Weekly's* Hall of Fame Class of 2020. He is among 19 attorneys who will be honored on October 9, 2020.

Rassel has been with Butzel Long for 51 years. He practices primarily in the area of complex business litigation and arbitration with a special concentration in media law. He also is Secretary and a Director of the *Detroit Legal News*.

Over the years, Rassel's professional skills have earned him listings in *Chambers*, *The Best Lawyers in America*, *Michigan Super Lawyers*, as well as a Martindale-Hubbell AV preeminent rating. In addition, he was a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers from 1989 to 2013. He served on the initial Board of Directors of Lex Mundi, a global association of 160 independent law firms.

Rassel also is active in the community. He is a past Board Chair of Detroit Public Television where he was honored with the 2011 Community Leadership Award, past Chairman of the Board of the Holy Cross Foundation, past Director of the Michigan Strategic Fund, former Chairman and Founding Trustee of the Rosa Parks Scholarship Foundation, former Chairman of the Metropolitan Affairs Coalition and a member of the Dean's Advisory Council of University of Michigan Law School.

Moreover, he has been honored with the Community Service Award and the Leadership Award by the Birmingham (Michigan) Community House, where he is a past President. He currently serves as Vice Chairman of the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce's Foundation Board; Co-Chair of Detroit Drives Degrees; a Trustee of William Beaumont Hospital System; an Ambassador of the College of Arts and Sciences of Oakland University; and a member of the Board of Advisors for the

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Rassel holds a B.A. from University of Notre Dame and a J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School. He served in the U.S. Navy and is a Certified Judge Advocate. He is also a graduate of the CPR Institute for Dispute Resolution.