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Butzel Long attorney Bernard (Bernie) Fuhs elected to firm's Board of Directors

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DETROIT, Mich. – Butzel Long attorney and shareholder Bernard (Bernie) J. Fuhs, has been elected to serve on the firm's Board of Directors.

Fuhs is a nationally recognized expert on non-compete and trade secret matters, having litigated and/or counseled clients on such matters in all 50 states and has presented to many national and local business and/or legal organizations regarding the same.

Fuhs also has considerable experience in franchise litigation, minority shareholder oppression disputes, financial services industry disputes (including proceedings with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA)), real estate, sales representative matters and cannabis law (licensing and appeals). He advises start-up and closely held businesses, as well as sports and fitness industry members.

Fuhs has been selected as a *Business Litigation, Trade Secret and Franchise Top Lawyer* by *DBusiness Magazine*. He has been named as a *Michigan Super Lawyer* (an award recognized no more than 2.5% of lawyers in Michigan) every year since 2013.

He was named to *Crain's Detroit Business*' "40 under 40" class, which honors "the best and brightest in Southeast Michigan who have made their marks in business before age 40." Fuhs was named to L. Brooks Patterson's Elite 40 Under 40 Class of 2013, which includes young thought leaders and trailblazers who live or work in Oakland County and are under the age of 40.

Fuhs serves as Co-Chair of Butzel Long's Diversity & Recruiting Committee and Chair of the firm's Franchise Specialty Team. He also is a member of the firm's Non-Compete and Trade Secret Specialty Team.

Fuhs is a graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2006) and the University of Detroit Mercy (B.S., *summa cum laude*, 2003). He interned for Chief Justice Maura Corrigan of the Michigan Supreme Court; he was a four-year player on the Division 1 Men's Basketball team at UDM; President of the 2nd Year Class at UDM School of Law; on Law Review; a member of the Justice Frank Murphy Honor Society; and a member of Beta Gamma Sigma and Beta Alpha Psi.

He also enjoyed many honors as an undergraduate including the following: Captain of 2002/2003 UDM Division 1 Men's Basketball Team; the Wall Street Journal Award – Top Student in the UDM College of Business Administration; the Financial Executives International Award – most outstanding

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undergraduate student in Accounting and Finance; the Beta Alpha Psi Award - highest scholastic average in undergraduate program; member of the All Horizon League Athletic Academic Team - (2002/2003); the President's and Horizon League Honor Roll all four years; and the William Ebben Award for athletic and academic excellence. He was on the Dean's list all years attended at UDM and UDM School of Law, and received the Cavanaugh scholarship at UDM School of Law.

Fuhs is a member of the State Bar of Michigan; American Bar Association - Employment Rights and Responsibilities Section Member and Non-Compete/Trade Secret Subcommittee Member; and, American Bar Association (Forum on Franchising).

Fuhs is a graduate of Leadership Oakland - Class XXIII. He also is a member of the University of Detroit-Mercy School of Law Alumni - Board of Directors and Sheriff Oakland County PAL Program - Board of Directors.

Fuhs is a highly sought-after speaker and presenter.