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Butzel Long attorney George B. Donnini named to Michigan Lawyers Weekly's 'Leaders in the Law'

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DETROIT, Mich. – Butzel Long attorney and shareholder George B. Donnini is one of 30 attorneys named to *Michigan Lawyers Weekly's* "Leaders in the Law" Class of 2016. Honorees will be recognized at a luncheon and awards celebration on March 17, 2016, at the Detroit Marriott Troy. "Leaders in the Law" are honored, among other things, for:

- Significant accomplishments or achievements in law practice;
- Outstanding contributions to the practice of law in Michigan;
- Leadership in improving the justice system in Michigan;
- Seeking improvements to the legal community and their communities at large; and,
- Setting an example for other lawyers.

Donnini is a Vice President and serves on the firm's Board of Directors. Based in Butzel Long's Detroit office, Donnini practice is focused on white collar criminal defense, SEC civil enforcement actions, antitrust investigations. Donnini routinely conducts corporate internal investigations.

Donnini counsels his clients through both criminal charges and civil liability/enforcement actions. Accordingly, he must manage complex litigation involving multiple adversaries, multiple jurisdictions, and interrelated issues.

He has experience in a wide range of criminal and civil cases, representing clients at both the trial and appellate levels in federal and state courts across the country. Donnini has significant experience representing clients in criminal cases involving allegations of revenue recognition, securities, and tax fraud, theft of trade secrets, insider trading, stock options back-dating, health care, environmental and mortgage fraud.

Donnini has conducted internal investigations for both private and publicly traded companies. He aggressively, creatively, and successfully represents clients in a wide variety of federal and state criminal matters.

Prior to joining Butzel Long, Donnini served as a Judge Advocate for the United States Marine Corps from 1999 to 2003. He was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps in 2003 after serving as counsel of record in numerous criminal trials.

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Donnini is affiliated with the American Bar Association (ABA), Criminal Justice Section, White Collar Crime Committee, Young Lawyers' Division; National Co-Chair (2006–2009); ABA, Criminal Justice Section, White Collar Crime Committee; Midwest Regional Co-Chair (2005–Present); and, ABA, Criminal Justice Section, Book Board, Appointed Member (2008–Present). He is admitted to practice in Michigan, California and New York.

He frequently presents at conferences on various topics involving white collar criminal defense. He was named to *DBusiness'* Top Lawyers in Metro Detroit, White Collar Criminal Defense; Non White Collar Criminal Defense; Professional Malpractice Law, 2011–2012, 2014. He was named a *Michigan Super Lawyers Rising Star* (Criminal Defense: White Collar) 2011–2012. *Michigan Super Lawyers*, Criminal Defense: White Collar, 2013–Present. In 2008, he was named to *Michigan Lawyers Weekly's* 2008 Class of "Up and Coming Lawyers."

Donnini is a 1995 *phi beta kappa* graduate of The George Washington University and a 1998 graduate of the Duke University School of Law.