

IN THE NEWS

Butzel Long attorney Paul M. Mersino named to Oakland County Executive's Elite 40 Under 40 Class of 2015

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DETROIT, Mich. – Butzel Long attorney and shareholder Paul M. Mersino has been named to the Oakland County Executive's Elite 40 Under 40 Class of 2015. The Class includes young thought leaders and trailblazers who live or work in Oakland County and are under the age of 40.

The Elite 40 program is dedicated to helping these individuals make connections that can impact the future of Oakland County. L. Brooks Patterson will introduce the Elite 40 Under 40 Class during the 2015 State of the County Address on February 5, 2015.

Based in Butzel Long's Detroit office, Mersino is a member of Butzel Long's Commercial Litigation Practice Group. He concentrates his practice on complex commercial litigation, contract disputes, construction litigation, automotive supplier disputes, non-competition and trade secret disputes, and landlord-tenant disputes. He also represents and advises several startup companies, assisting them with their legal needs and matching them with potential venture capital funding and serves as a mentor to startup business incubators and accelerators in the region.

Mersino also handles appeals in the Michigan Court of Appeals, the Michigan Supreme Court, and federal courts. He has been recognized as a *Michigan Super Lawyers* Rising Star in Business Litigation for 2012, 2013, and 2014.

Mersino is very active in the community. He currently is the Vice President of the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association, Barrister's Section and serves as an advisor to the Institute of Continuing Legal Education's Litigation Advisory Board. He is a member of the current class of Leadership Oakland and recently graduated from the Detroit Chapter of the American Inns of Court. He also is a member of the Detroit Historical Society.

Mersino is a 2008 graduate of Ave Maria School of Law, where he graduated *magna cum laude* and was a member of Law Review and the State Championship Moot Court team. He earned his undergraduate degree in Business Administration from Northwood University (B.A., 2005).