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Butzel Long attorney Thomas A. Kabel named to L. Brooks' Patterson's Elite 40 Under 40 Class of 2014

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS, Mich. – **Butzel Long** attorney and shareholder **Thomas A. Kabel** has been named to Oakland County Executive L. Brooks' Patterson's Elite 40 Under 40 Class of 2014. 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. Honorees were recognized during the 2014 State of the County Address on February 12, 2014.

Kabel is currently Butzel Long's hiring shareholder and is chair of the firm's recruiting committee. He concentrates his practice in the area of commercial real estate and real estate related finance. He has been involved in all facets of acquisition, disposition, leasing, financing and development of real property throughout his career.

He has extensive experience representing commercial lenders in conventional financing and also has served as bank and bond counsel on numerous industrial revenue and other tax-exempt financings. He has also represented Michigan colleges and community colleges in various financing transactions, including tax-exempt bonds, tax anticipation notes, financing under Michigan's New Jobs Training Program and financing with the Michigan State Building Authority.

Kabel is certified by the National Association of Development Companies (a trade association of companies that have been certified by the Small Business Administration to provide funding for small businesses) to close SBA loans under the SBA's 504 Loan program, and for the past eight years has devoted a portion of his practice to representing Oakland County Business Finance Corporation in connection with their SBA 504 Loan

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program.

During his career, Kabel has been an integral part of several major development projects in Michigan, including serving as part of the bond team representing Oakland County, Mich. in connection with the financing of the *Michigan Motion Picture Studio* in Pontiac, Michigan serving as part of the team representing the developer in its \$190,000,000 renovation of the Book Cadillac Hotel in Detroit, Mich. and representing the City of Detroit Housing Commission in its major renovation of the Jeffries Housing project in Detroit, Mich.

Kabel is a member of the Real Property Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan and is Co-Chair of the Section's Special Committee on Commercial Leasing. He is the author of *Equitable Subrogation: Why the Refinance Lender's Security Interest May Not be as Secure as it Thinks* (Michigan Real Property Review) and has participated as a speaker and/or author in numerous seminars and other continuing legal education programs throughout the past several years. He also is a member of the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section of the American Bar Association.

Kabel is a graduate of Wayne State University Law School (J.D., *cum laude*, 1999), where he was Senior Articles Editor of the Wayne Law Review, and Grand Valley State University (B.S. 1995). Kabel lives in Rochester Hills.

About Butzel Long

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