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Butzel Long attorneys featured during 34th Annual CLE Conference in Snowmass, Colo.

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DETROIT, Mich. – Butzel Long attorneys Bernard (Bernie) J. Fuhs and Michael R. Griffie co-presented a program titled, “Strategies on Presenting (and Defending Against) Economic Damages in Employment Discrimination Cases,” during the 34th Annual CLE Conference on January 7, 2017 in Snowmass, Colo.

Bernard (Bernie) J. Fuhs

Based in Butzel Long's Detroit office, Fuhs concentrates his practice in the areas of business and commercial litigation. He has significant experience in non-compete, non-disclosure, and trade secret disputes, business and financial services industry disputes, franchise and dealerships, transportation and logistics industry disputes, construction, real estate, securities, and sales representative matters. He also advises start-up and closely held businesses, as well as sports and fitness industry members.

He is Co-Chair of Butzel Long's Diversity, Recruiting and Retention Committee.

Fuhs 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." Named to L. Brooks Patterson's Elite 40 Under 40 Class, which includes young thought leaders and trailblazers who live or work in Oakland County and are under the age of 40. He also was selected as a *Top Young Lawyer* (one of only six attorneys selected in Michigan), as well as a Business Litigation, Trade Secret and Franchise Top Lawyer by *DBusiness Magazine*. He also was named a *Michigan Super Lawyer* in 2013 to 2016.

Michael R. Griffie

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Griffie, who is based in Butzel Long's Detroit office, practices in the areas of labor and employment law, commercial litigation, and higher education law.

He joined Butzel Long with a decade of experience in school leadership, most recently serving as principal of the highly regarded Hamtramck Academy. As principal, he managed school operations and oversaw a \$6.6 million budget.

In November, 2014, Griffie received the *Michigan Chronicle's* 40 under 40 award for his service in education leadership. His community involvement has included serving on the Wayne County Ethics Board (2016) where he was appointed by Wayne County Executive Warren Evans.