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Butzel Long shareholder Arthur Dudley II selected as a finalist for Deal Maker of the Year by Crain's Detroit Business

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Detroit, MI – Butzel Long shareholder **Arthur Dudley II** has been selected by *Crain's Detroit Business* as a top three finalist for Deal Maker of the Year.

"Art applies a composed demeanor and steady approach to helping clients work through intricate aspects of complex deals," said Philip J. Kessler, chairman of Butzel Long. "Not only is he a valued member of the firm's management team, but he is highly respected by the local Detroit and financial communities at large. We congratulate him on this well-deserved recognition."

Mr. Dudley has practiced law for more than 30 years and has extensive experience in nearly all aspects of corporate law. He specializes in securities law, mergers and acquisitions, executive compensation, representation of emerging growth companies and general corporate representation.

Mr. Dudley's securities law experience in representing publicly held companies has been extensive. He has had primary responsibility for public offerings of equity and debt securities, including initial public offerings and the registration of various company stock plans. He has also had primary responsibility for periodic Securities Exchange Act of 1934 filings. His ongoing counseling of public companies has involved issues concerning corporate governance, compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, transactions in restricted securities, transactions governed by Section 16(b) of the 1934 Act and matters related to corporate disclosure. His securities law experience with public companies has also included a variety of other transactions, such as mergers and acquisitions, including going private transactions.

In the course of his practice, Mr. Dudley has also had principal responsibility for or participated in a large number of sophisticated commercial transactions, including complex lending transactions and significant mergers, acquisitions and divestitures for publicly held and privately held corporations. He has also been attorney-in-charge of numerous private placements of securities for publicly held and privately held corporations, restructurings and reorganizations of large and small privately held corporations, numerous complex leveraged equipment lease transactions and real estate syndications. In addition, Mr. Dudley has also represented emerging "high tech" corporations in venture capital private placements and as general counsel, and has had principal responsibility for or participated in international acquisitions and divestitures and international corporate restructurings and reorganizations.

Mr. Dudley has served as Co-Chair of the Regulation of Securities Committee of the Business Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan and served as a member of the Securities Advisory Committee of the Division of Securities, Office of Financial and Insurance Services of the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services.

In addition to his law practice, Mr. Dudley has been an Adjunct Professor in the College of Business and Administration at the University of Detroit Mercy, where he taught graduate and undergraduate courses in business law.

Mr. Dudley has participated actively in a number of civic and charitable organizations in the Detroit area. He currently serves as the Secretary and a director of the Michigan Minority Business Development Council, President and a director of the Legal Aid and Defender Association. Mr. Dudley previously participated in the Leadership Detroit Program sponsored by the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce, the Black United Fund of Michigan, where he served as a director and Chair of the Board, New Detroit, Inc., where he served as a member of the Minority Economic Development Committee, the Detroit Urban League, where he served as a director and Vice Chair of the Board, and the One Stop Capital Shop, where he served as a director and Chair of the Board.

Mr. Dudley is a graduate of Yale Law School (J.D., 1977) and Yale University (M.A., Economics, 1977). While in law school, Mr. Dudley participated in several extracurricular activities, including serving as an editor of Yale Studies in Public World Order, and as a member of the Yale Association of International Law and the Workshop in Urban Legal Problems. Prior to law school, Mr. Dudley attended Harvard College as a National Merit Scholar, graduating *cum laude* (B.A. Economics, 1973).

Mr. Dudley is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* (Corporate) and *Michigan Super Lawyers* (Mergers and Acquisitions).

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