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Butzel attorney Michael C. Decker named to *Michigan Lawyers Weekly's* 'Leaders in the Law'

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DETROIT, Mich. – **Butzel** attorney and shareholder **Michael C. Decker** has been named to *Michigan Lawyers Weekly's* "Leaders in the Law" Class of 2021. Honorees will be recognized at a luncheon and awards celebration on December 2, 2021, 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.

Decker practices in Butzel's Detroit and Lansing offices. He concentrates his practice in the areas of construction and construction litigation and business and business litigation.

He represents and counsels construction companies and contractors on all aspects of both public and private projects, from inception to completion of those projects. Decker has substantial experience drafting and negotiating contracts, subcontracts, and other agreements and prosecuting and defending performance, payment, and delay related claims on behalf of construction companies and contractors, as well as owners and sureties. He also has substantial experience prosecuting and defending claims concerning the Miss Dig Act and violations of the Miss Dig Act on behalf of construction companies and contractors. Decker has prosecuted and defended such claims before state and federal courts, state and public agencies, and arbitration and mediation panels.

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Moreover, Decker has substantial experience assisting owners and contractors with residential construction related matters. Specifically, he has assisted owners and contractors drafting and negotiating residential construction contracts, subcontracts, and other agreements and resolving performance and payment related issues, as well as prosecuting and defending claims arising from such issues.

Decker represents and counsels businesses and business professionals with day-to-day business related issues. Such day-to-day business related issues routinely find him assisting with contract disputes and bankruptcy, corporate, collection, labor and employment, real estate, and trade secret related issues.

Decker has been recognized as a Rising Star in Business Litigation in 2013-2021 by *Super Lawyers*. Rising Stars are attorneys who are 40 years old or younger or who have practiced for 10 years or less. Notably, only 2.5 percent of Michigan lawyers are named to the list of *Super Lawyers* each year. Decker also has been recognized as a Top Lawyer in Construction Litigation in 2017-2021 by *DBusiness*.

He earned a Juris Doctorate from Wayne State University Law School in 2011 and a Bachelor of Science from Central Michigan University in 2007. During law school, he served as an associate editor of The Journal of Law in Society.

Since 2015, he has been a member of the Central Michigan University Alumni Association Board of Directors. He represents the interests of alumni by providing meaningful opportunities and connections for maintaining involvement with the University.

Decker is a member of the State Bar of Michigan and the State Bar of Florida. He is admitted to practice in various courts in both Michigan and Florida.