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Butzel attorney Paul Mersino named to *Crain's Detroit Business* magazine's '40 Under 40' 2021 list

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DETROIT, Mich. – **Butzel** attorney and shareholder **Paul M. Mersino** has been named to *Crain's Detroit Business* magazine's 2021 Class of "40 Under 40," list which profiles metro Detroit business professionals. Honorees were selected by *Crain's* editorial staff based on their career accomplishments, impact in their field and contributions to their community, and to reflect the diversity of the region's business community. Mersino is profiled in the November 1, 2021 edition.

Mersino was elected to Butzel's Board of Directors in March, 2020. Prior to serving on the firm's Board of Directors, he was Practice Department Chair of the firm's Litigation Practice Group. As a board member, he is responsible for the operations and management of the 150+ attorney firm, including budgeting, setting strategic goals, and more. As Litigation Practice Department Chair, he was responsible for the management and oversight of the firm's Commercial Litigation attorneys who reported to him as well as for the strategic goals, budgeting, forecasting, and direction of the practice group.

He represents public and private companies, both as plaintiff's attorney and defendant's attorney, in a number of areas including complex commercial litigation, contract disputes, non-competition and trade secret disputes, automotive supplier disputes, construction litigation, and First Amendment litigation. Mersino has seen a number of successes in trials and cases across the country.

Mersino represents and advises a number of startup companies, assisting them with their legal needs and matching them with potential venture capital funding. He also handles appeals in the Michigan Court of Appeals, the Michigan Supreme Court, and in federal courts across the country.

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In 2020, Mersino was named to *DBusiness* magazine's "30 in Their Thirties." He has been recognized as a Top Lawyer by *DBusiness* magazine, as a *Michigan Super Lawyer*, as one of Oakland County's Elite 40 under 40, and as an "Up and Coming Lawyer" by *Michigan Lawyers Weekly*.

Mersino also has served on the Board of Directors of the Detroit Bar Association, has served as an advisor to the Michigan Institute of Continuing Legal Education's Litigation Advisory Board, and is a Trustee of the Butzel Long Charitable Trust.

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).