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Two Butzel Long attorneys have each been named a 2012 FIVE STAR Wealth Manager SM

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS, Mich. – **Butzel Long** attorneys **W. Patrick Dreisig** and **David W. Sommerfeld** each have been named a 2012 FIVE STAR Wealth Manager SM as a result of a survey completed by *HOOR Detroit* magazine, *DBusiness* magazine and FIVE STAR Professional. A listing of individuals named a 2012 FIVE STAR Wealth Manager SM appears in the July/August edition of *DBusiness*. This is the third year that Mr. Dreisig and Mr. Sommerfeld have each been named a FIVE STAR Wealth Manager SM. The FIVE STAR Wealth Managers SM are a select group representing less than seven percent of the wealth managers in the Detroit area.

“Pat and Dave are exceptional attorneys who excel in their key practice areas,” said **Justin G. Klimko**, President, Butzel Long. “They have significant experience handling both financial and legal matters. This recognition is well-earned.”

W. Patrick Dreisig

Mr. Dreisig is a Vice President of Butzel Long and serves on the firm’s Board of Directors. He is co-chair of the firm’s Global Automotive Industry Group and a member of the firm’s Business Law Practice.

He focuses his practice in general business law and transactional matters, including mergers and acquisitions, divestitures, joint ventures, recapitalizations, debt and equity finance transactions, venture capital transactions, supply agreements, intellectual property development and licensing transactions, customer and supplier workouts, entity selection and formation, corporate governance and business succession.

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David W. Sommerfeld
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Mr. Dreisig practices extensively within the automotive supplier industry. He is highly experienced in representing automotive suppliers in structuring and negotiating long term supply and other commercial arrangements with automotive manufacturers and other suppliers.

Mr. Dreisig received his B.A. degree, with distinction, from the University of Michigan in 1974 and his J.D. degree from Wayne State University in 1977, where he served as an editor of the *Wayne Law Review* in 1976-77.

Mr. Dreisig is a member of the Business Law and Taxation Sections of the American Bar Association and the State Bar of Michigan. He has also served as a member of the Legal Issues Council, and has served as past counsel to the Chief Purchasing Officers Council, of the Original Equipment Suppliers Association.

David W. Sommerfeld

Based in Butzel Long's Bloomfield Hills office, Mr. Sommerfeld serves as manager of the firm's Probate, Trust and Estate Planning Practice.

Mr. Sommerfeld practices in the areas of estate planning, probate, and trust administration. He also has experience in the areas of income tax, estate and gift tax, and related tax and financial matters.

Mr. Sommerfeld is a 1963 graduate of the University of Detroit and a 1967 graduate of the Detroit College of Law. He is a Certified Public Accountant as well as an attorney.

He is a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*, *Who's Who in American Law*, *Michigan Super Lawyers*, and *DBusiness* as a 2011 Top Lawyer in Metro Detroit for Trusts and Estates. He is a member of the Financial and Estate Planning Council of Metropolitan Detroit.

Mr. Sommerfeld is a frequent lecturer on the subject of estate planning on behalf of the Institute for Continuing Legal Education of the State Bar of Michigan, the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants and Professional Education Systems, Inc.

About the FIVE STAR Wealth Manager SM program

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