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# Butzel appoints Labor and Employment Co-Practice Department Chair

#### **Firm News**

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DETROIT, Mich. – **Butzel** has appointed **Brett J. Miller** Co-Practice Department Chair, Labor and Employment. Miller will work alongside Co-Department Chair **Daniel B. Tukel** as they lead one of the law firm's largest practice areas. Notably, Butzel is a full-service law firm.

## **Brett J. Miller**

Based in Butzel's Detroit office, Brett Miller also serves as the firm's Assistant General Counsel for Labor and Employment. He focuses his practice on employment and labor law as well as fair housing litigation. He frequently defends clients in state and federal discrimination, harassment, retaliation, and class action lawsuits.

Miller also defends clients in administrative charges before numerous governmental agencies such as the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the National Labor Relations Board, the Department of Labor, and the OFCCP. In addition, Miller devotes his practice to representing clients in traditional labor matters such as grievance arbitrations and collective bargaining.

He is AV® Peer Review Rated by LexisNexis/Martindale-Hubbell. The AV Peer Review rating is the highest rating allowed. It attests to a lawyer's legal ability and professional ethics and reflects the confidential opinions of the Bar and the Judiciary.

Miller is among attorneys named to the *Best Lawyers in America* – Employment Law – Management, 2024 and was named to *Michigan Lawyers Weekly*'s "Leaders in the Law" 2022 and an "Up & Coming Lawyer" in 2015 as well as a Top Lawyer by *DBusiness Magazine* in 2014, 2020-2023.

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Brett J. Miller Shareholder

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He is a frequent speaker on Labor and Employment topics and has written numerous articles on all aspects of employment law.

Miller earned a J.D., *cum laude*, from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, where he was a member of the Law Review and Moot Court Board of Directors and received his undergraduate degree from James Madison University, *cum laude*, with distinction.

#### **Daniel B. Tukel**

Daniel Tukel, based in Butzel's Troy office, has served as Chair of the firm's Labor and Employment and Employee Benefits Law Department for several years.

His practice is devoted to representing both public and private employers in state and federal discrimination and wrongful discharge litigation, as well as traditional labor matters such as collective bargaining, labor arbitrations and union organizational drives. He regularly counsels employers in all aspects of labor and employment law, in statutory compliance and in creating, implementing and administering employee handbooks and other personnel policies and practices. He has lectured on a wide range of employment and labor issues, has served on the faculty of the Institute of Continuing Legal Education.

His other honors include: 2011 Michigan Supreme Court Distinguished Brief Award, awarded by Cooley Law School Law Review; Michigan Top 100 Lawyer, named by *DBusiness* magazine; *Chambers USA:*America's Leading Lawyers for Business - Labor and Employment Law; The Best Lawyers in America:

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Tukel is a Fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers, a member of the National Association of College and University Attorneys; American Employment Law Council; Michigan Council of School Attorneys; Fellow of the State Bar of Michigan Foundation; American Bar Association (Labor and Employment, and Litigation sections); State Bar of Michigan (Labor and Employment, and Litigation Sections); Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association; and, Oakland County Bar Association.

Tukel is an honors graduate of the University of Michigan Law School (J.D., *cum laude*, 1982), and also received his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan (A.B. with high honors and high distinction, 1979).

