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Butzel attorney Eric Flessland named to *Michigan Lawyers Weekly's* 'Go To Lawyers: Construction Law'

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DETROIT, Mich. – **Butzel** attorney and shareholder **Eric J. Flessland** is one of 20 attorneys named to *Michigan Lawyers Weekly's* "Go To Lawyers: Construction Law" list. This program honors leading lawyers in a particular field of law as nominated by their peers.

A "Go To Lawyer" is:

- A lawyer who is an expert in his or her field, well-versed in the nuances of the case law, statutes and regulations clients will encounter.
- A lawyer who is experienced and enjoys a record of success, with many cases and/or transactions that give testimony to the quality advice he or she can provide.
- A lawyer to whom other lawyers make referrals because of his or her expertise and accomplishments.
- A lawyer who can think creatively and identify all options for a client.
- A lawyer you would name when a friend from another state calls and says she has a client who needs some legal help in a given part of our state.

Flessland's practice focuses primarily upon representing heavy construction contractors and their trade associations in the public and private sectors. He has extensive experience representing construction contractor clients on public and private works projects. His extensive experience extends to insurance and suretyship issues affecting the construction industry, and has drafted a wide range of contract agreements for project owners, contractors, and subcontractors.

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His representation of firm clients covers a wide range of public and private matters including enforcement of competitive bidding procedures on local- and state-funded public works projects; project level claims analysis, claim preservation and avoidance counseling; complex construction claims litigation; and, contract dispute resolution. Flessland provides legal and legislative consultation on issues affecting the heavy civil construction industry.

Flessland was named "Lawyer of the Year" for Litigation-Construction (2022) and is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for Construction Law.

Flessland is a regular lecturer to various contractors associations, and frequently publishes articles in the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association's trade magazine, *Cross Section*.

He is a member of the American Bar Association's Forum Committee on the Construction Industry, the State Bar of Michigan's Subcommittee on Construction Liens and Bonds, and a panelist to the American Arbitration Association's National Panel of Construction Arbitrators, and to the AAA's Large, Complex Case Program.

Flessland has tried matters in U.S. District Courts in Indiana, Texas, and Michigan; appeared in the Michigan and Indiana Court of Appeals; Michigan Circuit Courts throughout the State; and state trial courts in Indiana and Ohio. He has experience in arbitrating and mediating construction disputes. Prior to entering private practice in 1984, he was a research clerk to the Michigan Supreme Court Committee on Standard Jury Instructions and served as a Research Attorney to the Michigan Court of Appeals.

He earned a J.D. (*cum laude*, 1983) from Wayne State University Law School. He also received a B.A. with honors from Michigan State University in 1980.