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Butzel Attorney Kurtis T. Wilder Appointed to the Board of Directors for Hastings Insurance

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DETROIT, Mich. – **Butzel** attorney and former Michigan Supreme Court Justice, **Kurtis T. Wilder**, has been **appointed to the Board of Directors of Hastings Insurance**, a regional property casualty insurance company based in Hastings, Mich.

Mr. Wilder is a shareholder with Butzel. He concentrates his practice in litigation, appeals, and mediation and facilitation. He serves as a Neutral Mediator/Arbitrator with New Era ADR, a digital advanced dispute resolution platform. Mr. Wilder has been a Senior Lecturing Fellow at Regent University School of Law and has appeared as a commentator on Dan Abrams Live.

Notably, Wilder served a one-year term as Chair of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He was named to the Executive Committee in 2022.

Mr. Wilder served on the Michigan Supreme Court following his appointment by Governor Rick Snyder on May 9, 2017 through December 31, 2018. Prior to that time, Wilder served as a judge for 25 years on both the Michigan Court of Appeals and the Washtenaw County Trial Court.

Wilder, the 112th Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, graduated from the University of Michigan with an A.B. degree in Political Science in 1981, and from the University of Michigan Law School with a Juris Doctor degree in 1984.

Mr. Wilder was named to *Michigan Lawyers Weekly's* Hall of Fame Class of 2021. He also is included in *The Best Lawyers in America*, Appellate Practice, 2021-2023 and *DBusiness* magazine's Top Lawyers in Metro Detroit, Appellate Law, 2020-2024; Arbitration, 2020-2022.

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Wilder served as Chair of the Interlochen Center for the Arts Board of Trustees from 2021-2024. Previously, he served as First Vice-Chair and Chair-Elect. He also serves as Chair-Elect of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan and will become AAUM's Board Chair in September 2025.

Wilder has memberships in the Fellows of the Michigan State Bar Foundation; the Association of Black Judges of Michigan; the Federalist Society, Board of Advisors, Lawyers Division-Michigan Chapter; Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Gamma Rho Boule; and the Wolverine Bar Association.

Mr. Wilder has been active in many civic and philanthropic endeavors during his career. He is a former board chair of the State of Michigan Community Corrections Advisory Board, National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, and Nonprofit Enterprise at Work.

Moreover, Wilder is an Elder and Chancel Choir member at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.