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Butzel attorney Lee T. Silver named to Michigan Super Lawyers Top Ten list

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GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. – **Butzel** attorney **Lee T. Silver**, has been named to *Michigan Super Lawyers* **Top Ten list**. *Super Lawyers* is a rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high-degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The selection process includes independent research, peer nominations and peer evaluations.

Silver is an accomplished trial lawyer, mediator, and arbitrator. He has received numerous awards based on peer review for his skills as an attorney, has successfully handled numerous high-profile cases, and is highly sought after as a mediator and arbitrator. He currently serves as a Managing Shareholder of the firm's Grand Rapids office and is Co-Chair of the firm's Mediation and Arbitration Specialty Team.

He has successfully handled complex commercial litigation cases of virtually every type over the past 40 years in state and federal courts throughout Michigan and well over a dozen other states. His representative clients range from Fortune 500 companies, financial institutions, manufacturers, and a variety of closely-held companies of all sizes to individual business owners, shareholders, executives, professionals, and other individuals. Silver was named by *Best Lawyers in America* as the 2023 Grand Rapids Lawyer of the Year for Bet-the-Company Litigation.

Silver also has an active mediation/alternative dispute resolution practice throughout Michigan and nationally. He is one of only three Mediators in Michigan to be selected as a Fellow of the American College of Civil Trial Mediators and also has been selected as a member of the American Arbitration Association's prestigious Master Mediator Panel which is comprised of AAA's top Mediator's as rated by attorneys that

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handle large complex disputes.

He is a member of the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals, was named by *Best Lawyers In America* as the 2021 and 2024 Grand Rapids Lawyer of the Year for Mediation, has been on the approved list of mediators for the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan since 2003, and regularly serves as an Arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association, as well as in private arbitrations.

Silver has successfully mediated more than 1,200 cases in state and federal courts throughout Michigan and other states and takes great pride in the fact that an extremely high percentage of the cases he mediates settle as a result of the mediation. As a trial lawyer with over 40 years of experience who has litigated over 1,000 cases, mediated over 1,200 disputes, served as an arbitrator in over 100 matters, and earned the highest rankings from his peers for his legal ability, Silver is uniquely qualified to analyze a case and help the parties reach a settlement.

He earned a J.D. from Indiana University School of Law (First Place, Moot Court Competition; Member, National Moot Court Team; Teaching Assistant in Appellate Advocacy). He received a B.A., with honors from the University of Redlands.

