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Butzel Attorney Shanika Owens Named a '2024 Honoree for Influential Women of Law' by *Michigan Lawyers Weekly*

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TROY, Mich. – **Butzel** attorney **Shanika A. Owens** was recently named to *Michigan Lawyers Weekly's* 2024 "Influential Women of Law" list.

The awards program, previously known as "Women in the Law," honors women attorneys and judges for their excellent work on behalf of the justice system and for their clients, commitment to their communities and service to the profession. Owens is one of 35 women attorneys who will be honored during a luncheon on September 27 and profiled in an upcoming edition of *Michigan Lawyers Weekly*.

Owens focuses her practice on helping clients navigate mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, and real estate law. Her experience includes a wide range of transactions in a variety of industries.

In 2022, Owens, along with her colleagues, represented the seller in an acquisition worth over \$400 million. She and the team received the 2023 Association for Corporate Growth (ACG) Detroit Chapter's M&A Deal of the Year award in recognition of their legal expertise in navigating the transaction.

Before joining the firm, Owens served as a legislative assistant to the Detroit City Council where she advised policymakers on issues including economic development, budgeting, and matters leading up to the Detroit bankruptcy. She interned with the Honorable Avern Cohn of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Recently, Owens was named to the 2024 *Michigan Super Lawyers* list for the *first* time.

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Earlier this year, she received the Detroit Bar Association's Pro Bono Service Award.

Owens has been named to *The Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch*, Corporate Law and Real Estate Law, 2023 and 2024. She was named to the list of *Michigan Lawyers Weekly Up & Coming Lawyers* in 2021. She also has been named a *Michigan Chronicle* 40 under 40 Honoree.

She is a member of the State Bar of Michigan (SBM) Business Law and Young Lawyers sections. She is elected to the SBM Representative Assembly and also serves on The Institute of Continuing Legal Education's (ICLE) Business Law Advisory Board.

Given her deep community roots and passion for service, Owens serves on the Board of Directors of Avalon Healing Center in Detroit, a non-profit organization that provides compassionate and trauma-informed care to survivors of sexual assault.