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Butzel attorneys Michael Decker and Louis Ronayne featured during Michigan Concrete Association's Annual Conference February 22, 2023

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TROY, Mich. – **Butzel** attorneys **Michael Decker** and **Louis Ronayne** will give two presentations during the Michigan Concrete Association's Annual Conference on February 22, 2023 in Kalamazoo.

The first presentation will focus on preserving and prosecuting construction claims. The second presentation will focus on implementing a company-wide system for payment and collection under Michigan's construction lien and payment bond related statutes. Both presentations reinforce the importance of businesses being proactive vs. reactive on day-to-day construction matters.

About Michael Decker

Michael Decker concentrates his practice in the areas of construction and construction litigation and business and business litigation. He represents and counsels construction companies and contractors on all aspects of both public and private projects, from inception to completion. Decker has substantial experience drafting and negotiating contracts, subcontracts, and other agreements and prosecuting and defending performance, payment, and delay related claims on behalf of construction companies and contractors, as well as owners and sureties. He also has substantial experience prosecuting and defending claims concerning the Miss Dig Act and violations of the Miss Dig Act on behalf of construction companies and contractors. Decker has prosecuted and defended such claims before state and federal courts, state and public agencies, and arbitration and mediation panels. He has been named a Rising Star in Business Litigation in 2013-2020 and Construction Litigation in 2021-2022 by *Super Lawyers*, a Top Lawyer in Construction Litigation in 2017-2023 by *DBusiness*, and a Best Lawyer in Construction Litigation in 2021-2023 by *The Best*

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Lawyers in America. Decker was named a Leader in the Law by Michigan Lawyers Weekly in 2021.

About Louis Ronayne

Louis Ronayne focuses his practice primarily in the areas of commercial and appellate litigation. He is a former judicial law clerk for Michigan Supreme Court Justice Brian K. Zahra and research attorney for the Michigan Court of Appeals. Ronayne was named in *Best Lawyers in America® 2023: Ones to Watch 2023*.