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Butzel attorneys named to *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2024

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Firm attorneys named to Best Lawyers in America® 2024 Ones to Watch and Lawyer of the Year

DETROIT, Mich. – Seventy-five **Butzel** attorneys have been chosen by their peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2024 (copyright 2024 by Woodward/White, Inc. of Augusta, GA). Moreover, 14 firm attorneys have been named to *Best Lawyers in America*® 2024 *Ones to Watch*. In addition, five attorneys have been named “Lawyer of the Year.”

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“Lawyer of the Year”

The following firm attorneys have been named “*Lawyer of the Year*” – **Debra A. Geroux** (Health Care Law) – Troy; **Lee T. Silver** (Mediation) – Grand Rapids; **Terrence J. Miglio** (Litigation in Labor and Employment) – Ann Arbor; **Diane M. Soubly** (Employee Benefits – ERISA Law) – Ann Arbor; and **R. Peter Prokop** (Tax Law) – Detroit.

Butzel attorneys named to *Best Lawyers* for the first time

Notably, **Frederick Berg** (Commercial Litigation) – Detroit; **Damien DuMouchel** (Criminal Defense: White-Collar) – Troy; **Cynthia J. Haffey** (Commercial Litigation) – Detroit; **Robin Luce Herrmann** (First Amendment Law) – Troy; **Paul Mersino**

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Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch named for the first time

Steven Eatherly (Commercial Litigation) – Detroit, was named to *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* for the *first* time.

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch

The following firm attorneys have been named to *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*: **Ashley Aldea** (Corporate Law; Real Estate) – Troy; **Javon R. David** (Commercial Litigation) – Troy; **Scott J. Fishwick** (Commercial Litigation) – Detroit; **Rebecca Klein** (Commercial Litigation) – Detroit; **Joseph Kuzmiak** (Commercial Litigation) – Troy; **Sarah Nirenberg** (Labor and Employment Law – Management; Litigation – Labor and Employment) – Troy; **Shanika A. Owens** (Corporate Law and Real Estate Law) – Detroit; **Blake Padgett** (Labor and Employment Law – Management; Litigation – Labor and Employment) – Troy; **Louis Ronayne** (Construction Law, Appellate Practice and Commercial Litigation) – Detroit; **Quendale G. Simmons** (Commercial Litigation) – Detroit; **Ivonne M. Soler** (Family Law) – Detroit; **Bill Quan Yang** (Commercial Litigation) – Detroit; **Barrett Young** (Appellate Practice and Commercial Litigation) – Detroit; and, **Mitchell Zajac** (Commercial Litigation) – Detroit.

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- **Jennifer A. Dukarski** – Privacy and Data Security Law
- **George E. Kuehn** – Corporate Law
- **Lynn McGuire** – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- **Terrence J. Miglio** – Litigation – Labor and Employment
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- **Robert B. Stevenson** – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law, Litigation – ERISA
- **Andrew W. Stumpff** – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- **James E. Wynne** – Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

Butzel Detroit office

- **Frederick Berg** – Commercial Litigation
- **James C. Bruno** – Corporate Law, International Mergers and Acquisitions, International Trade and Finance Law
- **Arthur Dudley II** – Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Corporate Law
- **Darius Dynkowski** – Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law
- **Eric J. Flessland** – Construction Law, Litigation – Construction
- **Cynthia J. Haffey** – Commercial Litigation
- **John P. Hancock, Jr.** – Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **Justin G. Klimko** – Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), Corporate Compliance Law, Corporate Governance Law, Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Securities/ Capital Markets Law, Securities Regulation
- **Phillip C. Korovesis** – Commercial Litigation
- **Mark R. Lezotte** – Health Care Law, Tax Law
- **Clara DeMatteis Mager** – Immigration Law
- **Paul Mersino** – Commercial Litigation
- **Brett Miller** – Employment Law – Management
- **Donald B. Miller** – Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment, Mass Tort Litigation/ Class Actions – Defendants, Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- **Reginald A. Pacis** – Immigration Law

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- **Barbara E. Buchanan** – Labor Law – Management, Employment Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **Jennifer E. Consiglio** – Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), Corporate Governance Law
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- **W. Patrick Dreisig** – Closely Held Companies and Family Business Law, Corporate Governance Law
- **Damien DuMouchel** – Criminal Defense: White-Collar
- **David F. DuMouchel** – Bet-the-Company Litigation, Criminal Defense: White-Collar, Ethics and Professional Responsibility Law
- **Geoffrey S. Gallinger** – Corporate Law, Real Estate Law
- **Debra A. Geroux** – Litigation – Health Care, Commercial Litigation, Health Care Law

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