

# IN THE NEWS

## Butzel attorneys named to *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2023

### Firm News

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### ***Firm attorneys named to Best Lawyers in America® 2023 Ones to Watch and Lawyer of the Year***

DETROIT, Mich. – Seventy-one **Butzel** attorneys have been chosen by their peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2023 (copyright 2023 by Woodward/White, Inc. of Augusta, GA). Moreover, 13 firm attorneys have been named to *Best Lawyers in America*® 2023 *Ones to Watch*. In addition, six 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*” – **George B. Donnini** (Criminal Defense: White Collar) – Troy; **Beth S. Gotthelf** (Litigation – Environmental) – Troy; **Sheldon H. Klein** (Litigation – Antitrust) – Troy; **George E. Kuehn** (Corporate Law) – Ann Arbor; **Reginald A. Pacis** (Immigration Law) – Detroit; and, **James J. Urban** (Litigation – Construction) – Lansing.

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

Notably, **Jennifer E. Consiglio** (Business Organizations including LLCs and Partnerships and Corporate Governance Law) – Troy; **Laura Johnson** (Corporate Governance Law) – Troy; and **John C.**

### Related People

Ashley Aldea  
Shareholder

Linda J. Armstrong  
Shareholder

James C. Bruno  
Shareholder

Barbara Eckert Buchanan  
Shareholder

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Shareholder

Javon R. David  
Shareholder

Michael C. Decker  
Shareholder

David J. DeVine  
Shareholder

Carey A. DeWitt  
Shareholder

George B. Donnini  
Director

W. Patrick Dreisig  
Shareholder

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Shareholder

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Shareholder

Damien DuMouchel  
Shareholder

David F. DuMouchel  
Shareholder

Darius W. Dynkowski  
Shareholder

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**Valenti** (Mass Tort/ Class Actions – Defendants) – Detroit; have been named to *Best Lawyers* for the *first* time:

### **Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch**

The following firm attorneys have been named to *Best Lawyers*:  
Ones to Watch: **Ashley Aldea** (Real Estate) – Troy; **Javon R. David** (Commercial Litigation) – Troy; **Damien DuMouchel** (Criminal Defense: White-Collar) – Troy; **Rebecca Klein** (Commercial Litigation) – Detroit; **Joseph Kuzmiak** (Commercial Litigation) – Detroit; **Sarah Nirenberg**, (Labor and Employment Law – Management; Litigation – Labor and Employment) – Troy; **Shanika A. Owens** (Corporate Law and Real Estate Law) – Detroit; **Blake Padget** (Litigation – Labor and Employment) – Troy; **Louis Ronayne** (Appellate Practice and Commercial Litigation) – Detroit; **Quendale G. Simmons** (Commercial Litigation) – Detroit; **Bill Quan Yang** (Commercial Litigation) – Detroit; **Barrett Young** (Appellate Practice and Commercial Litigation) – Detroit; and, **Mitchell Zajac** (Commercial Litigation) – Detroit.

The following Butzel attorneys were selected for the 2023 edition:

### **Butzel – Ann Arbor office**

#### **– Jennifer A. Dukarski**

Litigation – Intellectual Property  
Privacy and Data Security Law

#### **– Nancy Keppelman**

Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law

#### **– George E. Kuehn**

Corporate Law

#### **– Lynn McGuire**

Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law

#### **– Terrence J. Miglio**

Eric J. Flessland  
Shareholder

Geoffrey S. Gallinger  
Shareholder

Debra A. Geroux  
Shareholder

Beth S. Gotthelf  
Shareholder

John P. Hancock Jr.  
Of Counsel

David W. Hipp  
Of Counsel

Robert A. Hudson  
Of Counsel

Laura E. Johnson  
Shareholder

Susan L. Johnson  
Shareholder

Thomas A. Kabel  
Director

Sheldon H. Klein  
Shareholder

William J. Kliffel  
Shareholder

Justin G. Klimko  
Shareholder

Phillip C. Korovesis  
Of Counsel

George E. Kuehn  
Of Counsel

Mark R. Lezotte  
Of Counsel

Bushra A. Malik  
Shareholder

Daniel J. McCarthy  
Shareholder

Terrence J. Miglio  
Shareholder

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Litigation – Labor and Employment

– **Mark T. Nelson**

Litigation – Labor and Employment  
Litigation – Trusts and Estates

– **Claudia Rast**

CleanTech Law  
Environmental Law  
Information Technology Law  
Privacy and Data Security Law

– **Diane M. Soubly**

Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law

Employment Law – Management  
Litigation – ERISA

– **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**

– **Linda J. Armstrong**

Immigration Law

– **James C. Bruno**

Donald B. Miller  
Shareholder

Mark T. Nelson  
Of Counsel

Max J. Newman  
Shareholder

Sarah L. Nirenberg  
Shareholder

Shanika A. Owens  
Shareholder

Blake Padgett  
Shareholder

Scott T. Patterson  
Shareholder

Robert P. Perry  
Shareholder

Steven R. Pohl  
Shareholder

Thomas B. Radom  
Of Counsel

Richard E. Rassel  
Shareholder

Claudia Rast  
Shareholder

James S. Rosenfeld  
Shareholder

Daniel R.W. Rustmann  
Shareholder

Robert H. Schwartz  
Shareholder

Bruce L. Sendek  
Shareholder

Quendale G. Simmons  
Shareholder

David W. Sommerfeld  
Of Counsel

Nicholas J. Stasevich  
Director

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Corporate Law  
International Mergers and Acquisitions  
International Trade and Finance Law

– **Maura Corrigan**

Appellate Practice

– **Arthur Dudley II**

Corporate Law  
Securitization and Structured Finance Law

– **Darius W. Dynkowski**

Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law

– **Eric J. Flessland**

Construction Law  
Litigation – Construction

– **John P. Hancock, Jr.**

Employment Law – Management  
Labor Law – Management  
Litigation – Labor and Employment

– **Robert A. Hudson**

Corporate Law  
International Trade and Finance Law  
Mergers and Acquisitions Law

– **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

Robert B. Stevenson  
Of Counsel

James J. Urban  
Of Counsel

John C. Valenti  
Shareholder

Kurtis T. Wilder  
Shareholder

James E. Wynne  
Shareholder

Barrett R. H. Young  
Associate

Roxana Zaha  
Shareholder

### Related Services

Appellate Law

Banking & Finance Law

Bankruptcy & Restructuring

Business & Commercial  
Litigation

Construction

Corporate and Finance

Employee Benefits

Employment Litigation

Environment, Energy &  
Sustainability

ERISA and Employee Benefits  
Litigation

Estate & Succession Planning

Family Law and Personal  
Services

Health Care

Immigration

International Trade and  
Customs Specialty Team

Labor and Employment

Privacy, Data Breach & Data

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– **Phillip C. Korovesis**

Commercial Litigation

– **Mark R. Lezotte**

Health Care Law

Tax Law

– **Clara DeMatteis Mager**

Immigration Law

– **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

– **James S. Rosenfeld**

Employment Law – Management

Labor Law – Management

Litigation – Labor and Employment

– **Daniel R.W. Rustmann**

Commercial Litigation

– **Bruce L. Sendek**

Commercial Litigation

– **Nicholas J. Stasevich**

Corporate Law

Security

Product Liability/Recall &  
Warranty

Real Estate

Real Estate Litigation

Tax

Technology

Traditional Labor

White Collar Criminal Defense

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– **John C. Valenti**

Mass Tort Litigation/ Class Actions – Defendants

– **Kurtis T. Wilder**

Appellate Practice

**Butzel – Troy office**

– **Barbara E. Buchanan**

Employment Law – Management  
Litigation – Labor and Employment

– **Jennifer E. Consiglio**

Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)  
Corporate Governance Law

– **Michael C. Decker**

Litigation – Construction

– **David J. Devine**

Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/ Insolvency and Reorganization Law

– **Carey A. DeWitt**

Employment Law – Management  
Litigation – Labor and Employment

– **George B. Donnini**

Criminal Defense: White-Collar

– **W. Patrick Dreisig**

Closely Held Companies and Family Business Law  
Corporate Governance Law

– **David F. DuMouchel**

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Bet-the-Company Litigation  
Criminal Defense: White-Collar  
Ethics and Professional Responsibility Law

– **Geoffrey S. Gallinger**

Corporate Law  
Real Estate Law

– **Debra A. Geroux**

Commercial Litigation  
Health Care Law

– **Michael F. Golab**

Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)  
Corporate Law

– **Beth S. Gotthelf**

Environmental Law  
Litigation – Environmental

– **David W. Hipp**

Real Estate Law

– **Robert A. Hudson**

Corporate Law  
International Trade and Finance Law  
Mergers and Acquisitions Law

– **Laura Johnson**

Corporate Governance Law

– **Susan L. Johnson**

Litigation – Environmental

– **Thomas A. Kabel**

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– **Sheldon H. Klein**

Commercial Litigation  
Litigation – Antitrust

– **William J. Kliffel**

Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

– **Bushra A. Malik**

Immigration Law

– **Daniel J. McCarthy**

Appellate Practice  
Commercial Litigation

– **Allan Nachman**

Real Estate Law

– **Max J. Newman**

Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/ Insolvency and Reorganization Law

– **Scott T. Patterson**

Employment Law – Management

– **William A. Penner**

Trusts and Estates

– **Robert P. Perry**

Trusts and Estates

– **Steven R. Pohl**

Corporate Law

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– **R. Peter Prokop**

Corporate Law  
Tax Law

– **Thomas B. Radom**

Banking and Finance Law  
Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/ Insolvency and Reorganization Law

– **Richard E. Rassel**

Commercial Litigation

– **Dennis B. Schultz**

Construction Law  
Litigation – Construction  
Litigation – Real Estate

– **Robert H. Schwartz**

Health Care Law

– **T. Gordon Scupholm II**

Family Law

– **John D. Selesko**

Trusts and Estates

– **Thomas C. Simpson**

Litigation – Real Estate  
Real Estate Law

– **David W. Sommerfeld**

Litigation – Trusts and Estates  
Trusts and Estates

– **Daniel B. Tukul**

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Employment Law – Management  
Labor Law – Management  
Litigation – Labor and Employment

– **Roxana Zaha**

Real Estate Law

### **Butzel – Lansing office**

– **James J. Urban**

Construction Law  
Litigation – Construction

### **Butzel – Washington, D.C. office**

– **Thomas Bick**

Environmental Law