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Butzel attorneys named to the inaugural 2023 *Crain's* Notable West Michigan Lawyers list

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GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. – Butzel shareholders Lee T. Silver and Michael L. Gutierrez have been named to the inaugural 2023 *Crain's* Notable West Michigan Lawyers list, ran in the March 20 print and online editions of the *Grand Rapids Business Journal*.

The leaders featured in this report were selected from nominations by a team of *Crain's Grand Rapids* editors based on their career accomplishments, track record of success in the field and effectiveness of their efforts, as outlined in a detailed application form.

About Lee T. Silver

Lee Silver is an experienced trial lawyer who has a long record of obtaining outstanding results for his clients. He has successfully handled complex commercial litigation cases over the past 38 years in state and federal courts throughout Michigan and well over a dozen other states.

He is widely recognized for his success in the courtroom and has received several honors for his work as a trial lawyer based on peer review, including being named by "*Michigan Super Lawyers*" as one of the top 100 attorneys in the State of Michigan in 2021 and 2022 and being named by "*Best Lawyers in America*" as the 2023 Lawyer of the Year for Bet-the-Company Litigation in Grand Rapids.

Moreover, Silver has an active mediation/alternative dispute resolution practice. He is one of only three Mediators in Michigan to be selected as a Fellow of the American College of Civil Trial Mediators and 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 handle large complex disputes.

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About Michael L. Gutierrez

Michael Gutierrez handles complex litigation matters and disputes for businesses and individuals throughout Michigan and nationally.

Gutierrez advises business owners and officers in litigation arising out of equity interest valuation and corporate governance disputes, including claims of shareholder and member oppression, breaches of fiduciary duties, errors and omissions of company officers and directors, and breaches of restrictive covenants.

Gutierrez also represents businesses and individuals in administrative proceedings, internal investigations, and the defense of claims arising out of the False Claims Act, federal banking regulations, federal labor regulations, as well as state regulatory and antifraud statutes.