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Butzel President and CEO Justin G. Klimko named to *Michigan Lawyers Weekly's* Hall of Fame

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DETROIT, Mich. – **Justin G. Klimko**, President and CEO, **Butzel**, has been named to *Michigan Lawyers Weekly's* Hall of Fame Class of 2022. He is one of 20 attorneys who will be honored during a luncheon on April 8 at the Detroit Marriott Troy and profiled in an upcoming edition of *Michigan Lawyers Weekly*.

Klimko, based in the firm's Detroit office, has extensive experience in mergers and acquisitions, corporate financing, securities regulation, corporate governance and general corporate matters, areas in which he has practiced since 1980.

He has received numerous awards and recognitions for business law matters and is ranked as one of Michigan's leading corporate and M&A lawyers. He is a past chair of the State Bar of Michigan Business Law Section and a past recipient of the Section's Stephen H. Schulman Outstanding Business Lawyer Award.

He co-chairs the State Bar of Michigan Business Law Section's Corporate Laws Committee, responsible for development of Michigan's corporate statute. He also has chaired the Section's Ad Hoc Committee on Legal Opinions, which has issued reports to address opinion issues in business transactions, including issues specific to Michigan law, and is a member of the TriBar Opinion Committee, a prominent national committee addressing opinions in business transaction.

In 2021, Klimko received the Association for Corporate Growth (ACG) Detroit Lifetime Achievement Award. He is a Board Member and Secretary of ACG Detroit. He is a past recipient of the Schulman Outstanding Business Lawyer Award from the State Bar of Michigan Business Law Section.

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Klimko previously taught corporation law as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Detroit Mercy Law School, frequently lectures and authors articles on business law subjects and has served as general editor of a treatise on Michigan Business Forms and as a contributing author for a treatise on Michigan contract law.

Notably, Klimko is included in the publication *The Best Lawyers in America* and enjoys an “AV” rating from the Martindale-Hubbell rating system. Klimko is rated one of Michigan's top Corporate/M&A attorneys by *Chambers USA Guide of America's Leading Lawyers for Business* and is listed in *Michigan Super Lawyers* (Mergers and Acquisitions).