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Butzel President and CEO Paul Mersino named to *Michigan Lawyers Weekly's* 'Leaders in the Law'

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DETROIT, Mich. – **Paul Mersino**, President and CEO, **Butzel**, has been named to ***Michigan Lawyers Weekly's*** "Leaders in the Law" Class of 2023. He is one of 28 attorneys who will be recognized at a luncheon and awards celebration on December 5 at Petruzzello's Banquet and Conference Center in Troy. Profiles of honorees will appear in the December 18 edition.

Notably, "Leaders in the Law" have demonstrated tremendous leadership and offer a wealth of expertise in diverse areas of law.

Mersino was elected President and CEO of Butzel at the firm's Annual Meeting earlier this year. He is responsible for the operations and management of the 150+ attorney firm, including budgeting, setting strategic goals, and more. He was elected to the firm's Board of Directors in 2020.

He is a recognized business leader in metro Detroit. Mersino was recently named to *DBusiness* magazine's Detroit 500 – 2023 list of the Most Powerful Business Leaders in Metro Detroit.

Mersino also was named to *Crain's Detroit Business* magazine's 2021 Class of "40 Under 40" list. In 2020, he was named to *DBusiness* magazine's "30 in Their Thirties."

He has been recognized as a Top Lawyer by *DBusiness* magazine, as a *Michigan Super Lawyer*, as one of Oakland County's Elite 40 under 40, and as an "Up and Coming Lawyer" by *Michigan Lawyers Weekly*.

In his practice, Mersino represents public and private companies in a number of areas including complex commercial litigation, contract disputes, non-compete and trade secret disputes, automotive supplier disputes, construction litigation, and First Amendment litigation. He has seen a number of successes in

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trials and cases across the country, having obtained jury verdicts, summary judgment rulings, dismissal of cases against his clients, and settlements favorable to his clients in state and federal courts throughout the nation.

He also represents and advises a number of startup companies, assisting them with their legal needs and matching them with potential venture capital funding. He handles appeals in the Michigan Court of Appeals, the Michigan Supreme Court, and in federal courts across the country.

Mersino formerly served as Butzel's Litigation Practice Department Chair. He was responsible for the management and oversight of the firm's Commercial Litigation attorneys who reported to him as well as their strategic goals, budgeting, forecasting, and proposed direction for the practice group. Mersino also has served as Trustee of the Butzel Charitable Trust.

He has served on the Board of Directors of the Detroit Bar Association and as an advisor to the Michigan Institute of Continuing Legal Education's Litigation Advisory Board.

Mersino is a 2008 graduate of Ave Maria School of Law, where he graduated *magna cum laude* and was a member of Law Review and the State Championship Moot Court team. He earned his undergraduate degree in Business Administration from Northwood University (B.A., 2005).