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Law Firm Accepting Applications For *Inaugural* Richard Rassel Butzel Core Values Scholarship

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DETROIT, Mich. – Last fall, **Butzel** created the **Richard Rassel Butzel Core Values Scholarship**, an annual \$15,000 award to be presented to a deserving law school student. The award will recognize those law students who best embody **Butzel's Core Values of Excellence, Drive, Trust, and Teamwork**. The scholarship honors **Richard "Dick" Rassel**, a distinguished Michigan Lawyers Hall of Fame litigator and former Managing Partner of Butzel, who has embodied these values throughout his illustrious career as an attorney, leader, and community advocate.

Eligibility

- Current 1L law students enrolled at an accredited Michigan law school.
- Must have a minimum GPA of 3.5.
- Must be enrolled for the 2L academic year at an accredited Michigan law school to receive funds.

Application Requirements

Applicants must complete and submit the following:

1. Application Form

- Personal information, GPA, and law school details.
- Statement of motivation for attending law school and post-graduate plans.

2. Personal Statement (Essay)

- Applicants must submit an essay (500–1,000 words) explaining how they embody the Butzel Core Values: **Excellence, Drive, Trust, and Teamwork**.

3. Resume

- Highlighting academic achievements, leadership roles, and extracurricular activities.

4. Letter of Recommendation

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- One letter from a professor, mentor, or employer attesting to the applicant's alignment with the Core Values.

5. Transcript

- An unofficial or official law school transcript verifying academic standing.

Timeline

- **Application Period:** February 1 and closes March 31, 2025.
- **Selection Process:** Applications will be reviewed in April by the Selection Committee.
- **Scholarship Announcement:** The recipient will be announced by April 30, 2025.
- **Scholarship Award:** Funds will be disbursed for the recipient's 2L year during the fall semester.
- **Recognition Event:** The recipient will be invited to a special event to celebrate their award.

Applicants must complete and submit an application, which can be found by clicking **here**.

Applicants need to compete and submit the application, and all required accompanying materials to simoncic@butzel.com no later than March 31, 2025, by 5 p.m.