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Butzel Long attorney Paul M. Mersino named Practice Department Chair of the Lit II Practice Group

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DETROIT, Mich. – Butzel Long attorney and shareholder **Paul M. Mersino** has been named Practice Department Chair of the firm's Litigation Practice Group. Mersino will be responsible for the management and oversight of the firm's Commercial Litigation attorneys who will report to him as well as for the strategic goals, budgeting, forecasting, and direction of the litigation practice group.

Mersino represents public and private companies, both as plaintiff's attorney and defendant's attorney, in a number of areas including complex commercial litigation, contract disputes, non-competition and trade secret disputes, automotive supplier disputes, construction litigation, and First Amendment litigation.

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

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

Mersino is admitted to the State of Michigan, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan, the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals, the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals, the Supreme Court of the United States, and has been admitted on temporary basis in several state and federal courts across the United States.

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He has written numerous guest articles and is a speaker in demand. Mersino serves on the Board of Directors of the Detroit Bar Association, has served as an advisor to the Michigan Institute of Continuing Legal Education's Litigation Advisory Board, and is a Trustee of the Butzel Long Charitable Trust.

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).