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Butzel Long attorneys named to The Best Lawyers in America 2017

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DETROIT, Mich. – Fifty-four Butzel Long attorneys have been chosen by their peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2017 (copyright 2016 by Woodward/White, Inc. of Aiken, SC). The 2017 edition marks the first time that attorney **Linda Kennedy** has been named to *Best Lawyers*.

Moreover, the following firm attorneys have been named Lawyer of the Year (Metro): **James E. Wynne** (Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants and Product Liability Litigation – Detroit); **James J. Urban** (Construction Law and Litigation – Construction – Lansing); and, **R. Peter Prokop** (Corporate and Tax Law – Bloomfield Hills).

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The following Butzel Long attorneys were selected for the 2017 edition:

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- **James C. Adams** – Real Estate Law
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- **George E. Kuehn** – Corporate Law
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- **Daniel P. Malone** - Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, Product Liability – Defendants
- **Allan Nachman** - Real Estate Law
- **Max J. Newman** - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debt Rights/ Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- **R. Peter Prokop** - Corporate Law, Tax Law
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- **Dennis B. Schultz** - Construction Law, Litigation – Construction, Litigation – Real Estate
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- **David W. Sommerfeld** – Litigation – Trusts and Estates, Trusts and Estates
- **Daniel B. Tukel** – Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment

Butzel Long – Detroit office

- **Linda J. Armstrong** – Immigration Law
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