

Legal People

Butzel Long has added **Bernard J. Fuhs** and **Benjamin K. Steffans** as associate attorneys in the firm's Detroit office. Both attorneys recently passed the State Bar of Michigan exam.

Fuhs concentrates his practice in the area of business litigation. He is a graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law and the University of Detroit Mercy (B.S., 2003). He clerked for Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Maura Corrigan.



Bernard J. Fuhs

Prior to joining **Butzel Long**, Fuhs was the president/co-owner of Fastdater, Inc. of Michigan. He also clerked with Daimler-Chrysler Services in the office of General Counsel as well as the Executive Office of Daimler-Chrysler Services as a field operations analyst.

Fuhs is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, the American Bar Association, the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association, the Detroit Economic Club and the University of Detroit-Mercy Titan Club.

Steffans concentrates his practice in the area of labor and employment law. He is a graduate of Boston College Law School (2006). He also is a graduate of Michigan State University (B.A., 2003). Steffans is a member of the State Bar of Michigan.



Plunkett & Cooney P.C. appellate attorney, **Kristen M. Netschke**, was recently named one of five "Up & Coming Lawyers" by Michigan Lawyers Weekly (MLW), a publication serving the state's legal community.

A member of the firm's Bloomfield Hills office, Netschke focuses her practice exclusively in the area of appellate law. She represents the interests of numerous clients, including hospitals, municipalities, businesses and



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insurance carriers.

Prior to joining **Plunkett & Cooney**, Netschke worked for two years as a law clerk for Michigan Supreme Court Justice Michael F. Cavanagh, where she researched and prepared briefs, drafted and reviewed opinions, and reviewed circulating opinions and applications to the Supreme Court.

Netschke earned her undergraduate degree from Michigan State University in 1996 and graduated from University of Detroit Mercy School of Law in 2000.

She is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, Oakland County and American (ABA/TIPS Appellate Advocacy Committee Member) bar associations.