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**SECRET WARDLE EXECUTIVE PARTNER DERK W. BECKERLEG LISTED IN
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LITIGATION-MUNICIPAL AND MUNICIPAL LAW PRACTICE AREAS**

SECRET WARDLE is pleased to announce that Executive Partner Derk W. Beckerleg has recently been selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*© 2015 in the fields of Land Use and Zoning Law, Litigation-Municipal and Municipal Law.

Since its inaugural issue in 1983, *Best Lawyers* has become regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence. For more than three decades, *Best Lawyers* lists have earned the respect of the profession, the media, and the public, as the most reliable source of legal referrals anywhere. Because *Best Lawyers* is based on an exhaustive peer-review survey in which over 52,000 leading attorneys in 137 practice areas in America, covering all 50 states and the District of Columbia, performed more than 5.5 million detailed evaluations of the legal abilities of other lawyers in their practice areas, and because lawyers are not required or allowed to pay a fee to be listed, inclusion in *Best Lawyers* is considered a significant honor.

In addition to his listings in *The Best Lawyers in America*©, Derk W. Beckerleg has consistently been voted for inclusion on the list of Michigan *Super Lawyers*® by his peers, from 2007 through 2014. He was also recognized on the list of 2012, 2013, and 2014 "Top Lawyers" by Metro Detroit's *Dbusiness* magazine.

Mr. Beckerleg is a member of the Oakland County Bar Association and the State Bar of Michigan. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Michigan State University in 1978, and his Juris Doctor from University of Detroit Law School in 1981. He was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan in 1982.

Derk W. Beckerleg is the Managing Partner of Secret Wardle's Municipal Law Practice Group and is the City Attorney for the City of Auburn Hills, the Assistant City Attorney for the City of Bloomfield Hills, the Assistant Township Attorney for the Charter Township of Bloomfield, the Assistant Township Attorney for the Charter Township of West Bloomfield, the Assistant Township Attorney for Southfield Township, and the Village Attorney for the Village of Bingham Farms.

In addition, Mr. Beckerleg represents the following municipalities with respect to their Michigan Tax Tribunal matters: City of Auburn Hills, Charter Township of Bloomfield, City of Bloomfield Hills, Charter Township of Independence, Charter Township of West Bloomfield, Southfield Township, City of Dearborn Heights, Village of Bingham Farms, and the City of Walled Lake.

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