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Derk W. Beckerleg Named Detroit Litigation-Municipal Lawyer of the Year

Best Lawyers, the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession, has named Derk W. Beckerleg as *Best Lawyers*' 2013 Detroit Litigation-Municipal "Lawyer of the Year."

After more than a quarter of a century in publication, *Best Lawyers* is designating "Lawyers of the Year" in high-profile legal specialties in large legal communities. Only a single lawyer in each practice area in each community is being honored as the "Lawyer of the Year." Mr. Beckerleg succeeds William P. Hampton, President of Secrest Wardle, who received this award in 2012.

Best Lawyers compiles its lists of outstanding attorneys by conducting exhaustive peer-review surveys in which thousands of leading lawyers confidentially evaluate their professional peers. Mr. Beckerleg has been recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® since 2010 in the areas of Litigation-Municipal Law and Municipal Law.

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, Lenox Township, Southfield Township, City of Dearborn Heights, Village of Bingham Farms, and the City of Walled Lake.

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.