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James A. Buster is a Member of Miller Johnson in the litigation section and has been practicing law in Michigan since 2016. His practice is primarily commercial litigation and real estate matters.

Commercial Litigation

Mr. Buster represents corporations, family-owned businesses, and individual clients in federal and state courts. He has developed a keen understanding of COVID-19 related issues regarding federal mandates, state executive orders, county health departments' orders and judicial reopening matters.

Mr. Buster's experience include:

- Obtained a six-figure judgment as lead counsel in a real estate partnership case that lacked any written partnership agreement
- Obtained an injunction against a Defendant and his employees after engaging in a two-day evidentiary hearing in complex, real estate-based Truth in Lending Act litigation in the Eastern District of Michigan
- Negotiated the seven-figure sale of several apartment buildings on behalf of the seller

Practice Areas

- [Litigation](#)
- [Commercial Litigation](#)
- [Insurance Policyholder Counseling and Recovery](#)
- [Union Fringe Benefit Litigation](#)
- [Real Estate](#)

Education

- J.D., Wayne State University Law School, 2016, *summa cum laude*
- B.A., Oakland University, 2013, *summa cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Michigan
- Courts Martial

Honors

- Recognized as a 2024 *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America™* for Commercial Litigation, Insurance Law and Litigation – Real Estate
- Recognized as a Michigan Rising Star 2020 – 2023 by Super Lawyers
- Recognized as an Up & Coming Lawyer 2019 by Lawyer's Weekly

- United States Army Reserve, Judge Advocate General, Captain (O-3)



Professional Affiliations, Activities and Honors

Mr. Buster is Judge Advocate General, Captain (O-3), in the United States Army Reserve. He is currently serving as the International Law Officer for an Army Reserve unit located in Michigan. He has served as a legal officer to an Officer Separation Board Panel (consisting of three Colonels (O-6)) for the 316th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary).

Mr. Buster was a member of the Auburn Hills (MI) Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mr. Buster has been recognized as a *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America™* for Commercial Litigation, Insurance Law and Litigation – Real Estate in 2024. He was also listed as a Michigan Super Lawyers Rising Star for Business Litigation for 2020 – 2023.

Education

Mr. Buster received his law degree, *summa cum laude* from Wayne State University Law School in 2016. He received his B.A. in Political Science, *summa cum laude*, from Oakland University in 2013. He currently is licensed to practice law in Michigan.

