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When faced with a difficult legal challenge, a business' most important asset is the experience of its legal counsel.

Practice Areas

- Automotive
 - Business and Corporate Law
 - Construction
 - Environmental Law
 - Real Estate
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Bio

Throughout 38 years of helping clients solve their toughest real estate, financial and general corporate law problems, Kurt Vilders has developed the wisdom and judgment that can only be earned through on-the-ground, immersive experience in the industries in which his clients compete. Kurt's clients can expect that Mr. Vilders will quickly and precisely pinpoint critical legal issues, then develop and execute the right strategy to deliver results. Rather than having to get up to speed, he gets right to the heart of the matter. And he brings not only a keen legal eye but a practical business perspective to his work, honed through hands-on management experience serving as Chairperson of both the firm's Executive Committee and its Real Estate Practice Group, as well as 10 years of in-house counsel experience.

Mr. Vilders represents an array of clients across a number of industries. Many of his clients have been with him for decades, and rely on him for representation not only in Michigan but in connection with business matters throughout the country. His real estate practice, in particular, is extensive and includes experience advising automotive manufacturers and suppliers nationwide on commercial and industrial leasing, development, construction, land use, and incentives. He also represents a number of mid-market companies as general counsel on a broad variety of business matters. His clients include automotive suppliers, health care providers, and accounting firms, among others.

Kurt has been recognized by *Best Lawyers in America*[®] and *DBusiness*' "Top Lawyers."

Affiliations

- State Bar of Michigan, Real Property, Business, and Environmental Law Sections
 - American Bar Association, Business, Real Property, Trust and Estate, and Environmental Law Sections
 - Georgetown Law, Advanced Commercial Leasing Institute
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Bar and Court Admissions

- Michigan
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Education

- Wayne State University Law School, J.D.
 - University of Michigan
 - Bachelors of General Studies, with distinction
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Representative Matters

- Advised Volkswagen in 2018 on its lease and development of a new port facility on the East Coast.
- Assisted Toyota in the procurement of entitlements, tax incentives, development and construction of a large research and development center in York Township, Michigan.
- Represented Volkswagen in the development and construction of numerous parts distribution centers between 250,000 and 1,000,000 square feet nationwide.
- Advised a large hospital in the negotiation of its 350,000 square feet leased headquarters in southeastern Michigan.
- Advised a large health care provider regarding the sale of various business segments as a result of the Affordable Care Act.
- Assisted Volkswagen in negotiating the financing, acquisition and leasing of flagship dealerships in New York City for Audi and Volkswagen.