

# Michigan: a Great Place to do Business

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**F**or the second year running, *Corp!* magazine asked its readers to name the "Best of the Best Michigan Business," and our offices were inundated with nominations. Our savvy readers know a good business when they see it and they welcomed the opportunity to voice their opinions. We encourage you to read through the profiles of our winners and learn why they are all proud to be doing business in Michigan.

## More Family Businesses

Conlin Travel, [www.conlintravel.com](http://www.conlintravel.com)  
 Coverall Health-Based Cleaning System, [www.coverall.com](http://www.coverall.com)  
 Hacienda Mexican Foods, [www.haciendamexicanfoods.com](http://www.haciendamexicanfoods.com)  
 Kenwal Steel Corp., [www.kenwal.com](http://www.kenwal.com)  
 Marshall Sales, Inc., [www.marshallsales.com](http://www.marshallsales.com)  
 Morse Moving & Storage, [www.morsemoving.com](http://www.morsemoving.com)  
 Variant Partners, [www.vpartners.com](http://www.vpartners.com)

## Grocers

### Market Village [www.market-village.com](http://www.market-village.com)

Seeing an opportunity to meet an untapped niche in Novi, Vincent Nona took advantage of an available location to open his market nearly a year ago. The market caters to wine connoisseurs who are also looking for specialty foods. "We offer superior customer service and extensive knowledge of our products. If our customers are looking for a specific gourmet item, our in-house chef can prepare it for them. We cater to our customers," Nona says.

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Busch's, [www.buschs.com](http://www.buschs.com)  
 Hiller's Market, [www.hillers.com](http://www.hillers.com)  
 Holiday Market, [www.holiday-market.com](http://www.holiday-market.com)  
 Meijer, [www.meijer.com](http://www.meijer.com)  
 Nino Salvaggio's Marketplace, [www.ninosalvaggio.com](http://www.ninosalvaggio.com)  
 Randazzo Fresh Market, [www.randazzofreshmarket.com](http://www.randazzofreshmarket.com)  
 Westborn Market, [www.westbornmarket.com](http://www.westbornmarket.com)



Westborn Market

## Law Firms

### Barnes & Thornburg [www.btlaw.com](http://www.btlaw.com)

Barnes & Thornburg offers a power packed combination of client-centric philosophy and a commitment to providing outstanding service. Its industry-leading legal professionals has enabled the firm to routinely rank as one of the top firms in Michigan. Tracy T. Larsen, Grand Rapids managing partner says, "Michigan's globally-recognized companies have helped ensure a robust client base, providing a wide variety of work to challenge and engage the firm's professionals."



Tracy T. Larsen

### Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss, P.C.

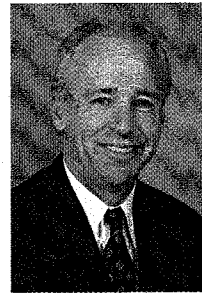
[www.jaffelaw.com](http://www.jaffelaw.com)

In celebration of its 40th anniversary, Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss, P.C. donated 8,000 hours of community service, a massive undertaking that benefited more than 350 local nonprofit organizations. "It was a challenging goal and an outstanding accomplishment," says CEO Richard A. Zussman. The law firm doesn't stop at philanthropic endeavors, its team of 200

employees make up a highly qualified, full-service business law firm providing sophisticated legal services to entrepreneurial-minded businesses, family-owned enterprises and individuals.

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Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione, [www.usebrinks.com](http://www.usebrinks.com)  
 Brooks Kushman P.C., [www.brookskushman.com](http://www.brookskushman.com)  
 Dickinson Wright, PLLC, [www.dickinson-wright.com](http://www.dickinson-wright.com)  
 Dykema, [www.dykema.com](http://www.dykema.com)  
 Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, PLC, [www.millercanfield.com](http://www.millercanfield.com)  
 Nemeth Burwell, P.C., [www.nemethburwell.com](http://www.nemethburwell.com)  
 Trott & Trott, [www.trottlaw.com](http://www.trottlaw.com)  
 Varnum, LLP, [www.varnumlaw.com](http://www.varnumlaw.com)



Richard A. Zussman

## Manufacturers

### Kalamazoo Outdoor Gourmet

[www.kalamazoogourmet.com](http://www.kalamazoogourmet.com)

Kalamazoo Outdoor Gourmet's history is rooted in a family owned business dating back to the 1900s. From revolutionary hybrid grills that cook with charcoal, wood and gas, to the most powerful and energy efficient outdoor refrigeration available, Kalamazoo Outdoor today is a leading manufacturer in outdoor cooking and entertaining equipment. "We are committed to supporting the local community and take pride in working with other Michigan companies for quality parts and supplies," says company President Pete Georgiadis.

### More Manufacturing Firms

Acme Manufacturing Company, [www.acmemfg.com](http://www.acmemfg.com)  
 Amigo Mobility International, Inc., [www.myamigo.com](http://www.myamigo.com)  
 Cascade Engineering, Inc., [www.cascadeng.com](http://www.cascadeng.com)  
 CerMet Lab Co., [www.cermetlab.com](http://www.cermetlab.com)  
 INCOE Corp., [www.incoe.com](http://www.incoe.com)  
 Kellogg Company, [www.kelloggcompany.com](http://www.kelloggcompany.com)  
 Link Engineering Company, [www.linkeng.com](http://www.linkeng.com)  
 Michigan Ladder Company, [www.michiganladder.com](http://www.michiganladder.com)  
 Permawick Company, [www.permawick.com](http://www.permawick.com)

## Media, Marketing & PR

### Lambert, Edwards & Associates

[www.lambert-edwards.com](http://www.lambert-edwards.com)

In just over 10 years, Lambert, Edwards & Associates has posted nine consecutive years of growth, expanding from revenues of \$70,000 in 1998 to more than \$4 million in 2008. The company was founded in 1998 with the aim of



Jeff Lambert