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Infrastructure & Transportation

For more than 30 years, our firm and our experienced attorneys have been recognized as leaders of the construction bar, successfully representing general contractors, construction managers, subcontractors, and material suppliers in all aspects of the construction industry. Our lawyers are experienced in all phases of the construction process, including development of initial project concepts, land acquisition and permitting, financing, contract negotiation, preparation of bid and contract documents, bid protests, project administration, claims preparation, negotiation, mediation and/or litigation, and final project closeout. Our experience reaches virtually every type of construction project: commercial, residential, sports and entertainment venues (stadiums and arenas), educational, health care, retail, heavy construction, infrastructure, historic, manufacturing, hotel, airport, domestic, international, public and private.

Our lawyers bring to the practice years of practical knowledge and actual experience in the construction industry. We are general counsel to Michigan's largest industry trade group, Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association, and we're honored to count a substantial number of its members as clients. The firm also holds active memberships in several other industry groups such as Associated Builders and Contractors of Southeast Michigan; long-term relationships with Michigan Concrete Association and Asphalt Paving Association of Michigan; and serve on the Attorneys' Counsel for the American Subcontractors Association – National. Our attorneys are frequently asked to lecture and present programs to industry professionals and other lawyers. In addition to representing clients, a number of our lawyers serve as arbitrators, mediators, and masters in complex construction disputes. We know the construction process and use this knowledge to develop strategies and approaches to deliver the highest level of quality legal services in a cost-effective manner.

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An increasing number of construction projects involve regional or even international dimensions, especially those related to the development or enhancement of infrastructure. Multinational contractors, architects, engineers, material suppliers, equipment providers, and project managers participate in projects at the local, national, and international levels. The broadening of the marketplace brings new risks and challenges. The lawyers in our Construction and Infrastructure and Transportation groups are experienced with these issues and provide the level of experience our clients need to address the multitude of issues that can arise on a project.

Upgrading of infrastructure, "greening" of power and construction projects, and specialized financing are among the areas where our professionals offer effective assistance in compliance with applicable codes and regulations wherever the project may be located. Clients can rely on Butzel lawyers for swift and accurate legal solutions to their local, national, or international construction and infrastructure project needs.