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Automotive Industry Outlook and Workforce Issues as Coronavirus Impact Escalates is the focus of a *free* webinar on March 26 hosted by Butzel Long

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DETROIT, Mich. – As “Social Distancing” initiatives expand, relevant information is crucial to help businesses navigate during these turbulent times. **Butzel Long** law firm, the Michigan Chapter of the National Association for Surface Finishers (MINASF) and IHS Markit are hosting a **free webinar from 2–3:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2020 titled, “Automotive Industry Outlook and Workforce Issues as the Coronavirus Impact Escalates.”** To register, visit www.butzel.com/events.

The webinar will focus on employee accommodations due to COVID-19 fears, attendance policy issues including paid sick and FMLA, anti-discrimination and harassment considerations, and potential employer liability for exposure to COVID-19. The discussion will provide an outlook on the industry focusing on sales and production, as well as powertrain/technology trends. The webinar also will include an update on the impact the coronavirus has had on the industry.

Presenters include:

- **Rebecca Davies – Labor and Employment Attorney, Butzel Long**, concentrates her practice primarily in the areas of employment law and commercial litigation.
- **Mike Wall – Director of Automotive Analysis, IHS Markit**, assists automakers, suppliers and financial firms in their evaluation and understanding of the auto industry. He also provides in-depth analysis of vehicle markets and trends.
- **Beth Gotthelf – Director of Innovation and External Relations, Butzel Long**, has helped auto suppliers diversify into

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alternative energy and defense, which have been lifelines to those companies.