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DETROIT, Mich. – Four **Butzel Long** shareholders were recently selected by their peers as *2013 Best Lawyers® in America “Lawyers of the Year”* (copyright 2012 by Woodward/White, Inc. of Aiken, SC) in the fields of real estate law, international trade and finance law and litigation – construction. The attorneys include:

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Only a single lawyer in each practice area and designated metropolitan area is honored as the “Lawyer of the Year,” making this accolade particularly significant.

Lawyers being honored as “Lawyer of the Year” are selected based on particularly impressive voting averages received during the exhaustive peer-review assessments we conduct with thousands of leading lawyers each year. Receiving this designation reflects the high level of respect a lawyer has earned among other leading lawyers in the same communities and the same practice areas for their abilities, their professionalism, and their integrity.

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“This recognition speaks very highly of their abilities and the respect that they have earned in the legal profession,” said **Richard E. Rassel**, Chairman, Butzel Long. “We are honored that many of our attorneys are recognized annually through publications like *Best Lawyers in America*.”

Forty-nine **Butzel Long** attorneys have been chosen by their peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2013 edition.

James C. Adams

James C. Adams is a shareholder based in Butzel Long’s Ann Arbor office, practicing in the area of real estate law.

Mr. Adams’ substantial practice experience includes representation of developers, lenders, architects, construction contractors and construction managers, public and private corporations, municipalities and public agencies, in connection with all aspects of real estate, including: acquisition public and private financing tax incentives and other economic inducements affordable housing development condominium structuring and development, land use and zoning distressed project work-outs construction of municipal, commercial, and residential projects selling, leasing, and otherwise disposing of property and funding, construction, operation, and maintenance of urban transit systems.

Mr. Adams is a 1974 graduate of the University of Michigan School of Law and a 1971 graduate of Michigan State University.

James C. Bruno

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James C. Bruno is a shareholder practicing in Butzel Long's Detroit office and has served on the firm's Board of Directors.

Mr. Bruno's primary practice includes corporations and limited liability companies sales, secured transactions, and other matters under the Uniform Commercial Code sales representatives and distributorships automotive and other industry supplier relations international business law and foreign employment closely held business mergers and acquisitions and joint ventures. This includes counseling, negotiations, drafting, and dispute resolution. Mr. Bruno has been active in the firm's foreign practice, including oversight of the firm's Mexican alliance office.

Mr. Bruno is a graduate of Georgetown University, The University of Michigan Law School, and The University of Michigan Graduate School of Business.

Reginald A. Pacis

Reginald A. Pacis is a shareholder practicing in Butzel Long's Detroit office. He concentrates his practice in immigration law and has handled a variety of immigration matters including H-1B specialty occupation cases, L-1 Intracompany transfers, Labor Certification matters, Immigrant Visa Petitions/ Adjustment of Status applications and interviews, TN Free trade cases, H-1B Department of Labor Investigations, I-9 employer verification compliance, and U.S. Port of Entry airport and land port interviews.

Mr. Pacis received his J.D. from the Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University in 1996 and his B.A. from James Madison College at Michigan State University in 1992. He joined the State Bar of Michigan in 1997.

James J. Urban

James J. Urban is a shareholder practicing in Butzel Long's Lansing office and serves as the Managing Shareholder of the Lansing Office and as Manager of the Firm's State Capitol Practice Group.

Mr. Urban's practice is focused in the representation of heavy construction contractors and their trade associations in the public and private sectors.

He is a graduate of Michigan State University (B.A., 1977) and the Thomas M. Cooley Law School (J.D., *cum laude*, 1982).

About Butzel Long

Established in 1854, Butzel Long is a leading law firm with offices in Detroit, Bloomfield Hills, Lansing and Ann Arbor, Michigan, New York City, and Washington, D.C., as well as Alliance offices in Beijing, Shanghai, Mexico City and Monterrey. The firm is also a member of the Washington D.C. law firm, Butzel Long Tighe Patton. Butzel Long represents clients from diverse industries on regional, national, and multi-national levels and is a member of Lex Mundi, a global association of 160 independent law firms.

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