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## Beth Gotthelf named Vice Chair of ABA Water Quality & Wetlands Committee

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS, Mich. – Butzel Long attorney and shareholder Beth S. Gotthelf has been named vice chair of the Water Quality & Wetlands Committee of the American Bar Association's Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources.

Ms. Gotthelf, a Birmingham resident, practices in the areas of environmental, energy and land use law and regulation. She represents and counsels a diverse mix of clients in numerous matters throughout the country. These matters include: permitting under and compliance with local, state and federal air, wastewater, stormwater and water regulations state and federal enforcement cases compliance audits remediation of contaminated sites ethanol and other alternative energy plants wetland permits addressing endangered species tax and other financial incentives under Brownfield and other programs removal of underground storage tanks superfund (state and federal) environmental insurance claims administrative procedures treatment, storage and disposal of solid and hazardous waste landfills occupational safety and health, and land use.

She is past chair of the Michigan State Bar, Environmental Law Section, and a past Section Council person and chair of the Program Committee. Ms. Gotthelf has been active for a number of years on several section committees, including Superfund, Solid and Hazardous Waste and Insurance. She is past chair of the Environmental Law Committee of the Oakland County Bar Association and is a past member of the State Bar Representative Assembly on behalf of Oakland County.

Ms. Gotthelf serves as Chair of the City of Birmingham (Michigan) Brownfield Authority. She is also Chair of the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce Task Force on Water and Sewer Issues and a member of the Chamber's Transportation Business Leadership Committee. Ms. Gotthelf is general counsel to the Michigan Association of Metal Finishers and past general counsel to the Wayne County Brownfield Authority. Ms. Gotthelf was on the Federal Advisory Committee charged with recommending stormwater rules and served as a Director of the Detroit Area Commercial Board of Realtors, which covers the State of Michigan. She serves as an arbitrator for the National Arbitration Forum. Ms. Gotthelf is a Fellow of the Michigan State Bar and Oakland County Foundations.

Ms. Gotthelf is very active in the community. She is immediate past president of the Board of Trustees for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Michigan Chapter Board of Directors for the University Cancer Foundation Trustee of the Jewish Vocational Services member of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit, State Government Relations Oversight Committee the Seymour Gill Financial Women's Advisory Board serves on the board of Sister to Sister and is a member of the Board of Trustees of Oakland Plus Foundation.

Ms. Gotthelf is listed as a *Michigan Super Lawyer* and has received a number of awards and special recognitions. In 2003, she was named as an emerging leader by the Detroit Regional Chamber. She was recognized by the National Association of Metal Finishers in 2002 for her work on an initiative to streamline environmental rules on behalf of the metal finishers. *Corp!* magazine named her as one of "Michigan's 95 Most Powerful Women" in 2002. In 1999, she was named as one of *Corp!* magazine's Top 10 Business Attorneys for Southeast Michigan and in 1994 she was recognized as one of *Crain's Detroit Business'* 40 emerging leaders under age 40 (40 Under 40).

Ms. Gotthelf writes and lectures extensively. Recently she authored articles of national interest for the ABA on Proposed Wastewater Regulations and Underground Storage Tanks, and authored a public policy update on the Detroit wastewater ordinance amendments for *Detroit* magazine online edition. Some of her national lectures include speaking at COATING 2005 on "Doing Business in China" the ABA Annual Meetings, Section of Natural Resources, Energy and Environmental Law concerning water issues (2004 and 2002) "A Civil Reaction: Confronting Environment Problems in the New Millennium" (1997) "Annual Fundamentals of Real Estate Taxation" (1997, 1998, 2000, 2001 and 2002) and at the National Association of Metal Finishers, "Federal Wastewater Pretreatment Issues."

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