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Butzel Long Completes Major Clery Act Internal Investigation and Publishes Nationally Cited Report

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DETROIT, Mich. – In a case that has drawn national media attention, **Butzel Long** recently completed a ten week internal investigation regarding Clery Act compliance at Eastern Michigan University and published a 500-plus page report of its findings. Butzel Long was retained by the EMU Board of Regents to conduct an independent investigation after University administrators' handling of the tragic death of a student on campus raised questions about the University's compliance with the federal Clery Act. The Clery Act is intended to foster safety and security on college campuses by requiring universities and colleges to provide certain disclosures and warnings regarding crimes on campus.

The Butzel Long team, consisting of attorneys **David DuMouchel** and **Michael Lavoie** and paralegal **Erin White**, conducted the independent investigation that included over 80 witness interviews and the review of thousands of pages of documents, and authored an in-depth publicly published report of their findings, a copy of which can be reviewed at the following link: www.butzel.com/prind.cfm?!_ID=24.

The Butzel Long investigation included: an audit of the University's compliance with the Clery Act generally and specifically in connection with the student death participation in the Education Department's program review of the University's Clery Act compliance and development of detailed processes and procedures for insuring future compliance. The Butzel Long report has been nationally cited including *Good Morning America*, *CNN*, *the New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times* and *Chicago Tribune*. Butzel Long's team is highly regarded for its expertise on the Clery Act and internal investigations generally. The attorneys are members of Butzel Long's Higher Education Law Practice group and Internal Investigations group, both of which have a long and successful history of representing higher education institutions on a wide range of legal issues. Butzel Long's Clery Act team can move quickly to assist colleges and universities with a wide range of issues, including compliance audits, investigation of specific incidents, Education Department reviews, development and implementation of policies, procedures and processes, and Clery Act training.

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