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## Butzel Long attorney Beth S. Gotthelf recently served as a panelist at the Michigan Space Forum in Traverse City

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DETROIT, Mich. – Butzel Long attorney Beth S. Gotthelf was a featured panelist on Government Roles in Commercial Space at the Michigan Space Forum in Traverse City. She discussed a variety of issues including freedom of use and exploration; protection of the space and Earth environments; liability for damages caused by space objects; rescue and return of astronauts and space objects; licensing of satellite launches; compliance with ITAR; and, the export of defense items, to name a few.

Gotthelf is Butzel Long's Director of Innovation and External Relations. She also is an Executive-in-Residence at the Macomb-OU INCubator and serves on the Macomb-OU INCubator Advisory Council.

She has helped auto suppliers diversify into alternative energy and defense, which have been lifelines to those companies.

Gotthelf brings a pragmatic and holistic approach to clients' issues, assisting them in reaching their business goals, often matchmaking clients' needs and acting as an outside general counsel. Her assistance in diversifying automotive suppliers into the aerospace & defense arena during the economic downturn is just one example of her holistic approach. She now counsels clients in governmental contracting, ITAR, EAR, and Foreign Military Sales. Gotthelf also is a leader in environmental law, bringing creative solutions to remediation, redevelopment, tax incentives, and waste management.

She represents and counsels a diverse mix of clients in numerous matters throughout the country. These matters include compliance and permitting; alternative energy issues; responding to an emergency; siting new facilities; civil and criminal enforcement; compliance audits; brownfields; tax incentives; remediation of contaminated sites; insurance claims;

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administrative procedures; solid and hazardous waste; landfills; composting; and occupational safety and health.