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Butzel Long attorney Beth S. Gotthelf to appear on Bloomfield Community Television's Practical Law show

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS, Mich. – **Butzel Long** attorney and shareholder **Beth S. Gotthelf** will be a guest on Bloomfield Community Television's (BCTV) Practical Law show on Sunday, June 27, 2010. Ms. Gotthelf will discuss alternative energy with host Henry Gornbein on the program Practical Law. The BP oil release has caused quite an impact in many ways, which the program will explore. One impact is for citizens to look at their dependency on oil, including the approximately \$1 billion/day spent on foreign oil, with \$100 million of that going to Iran alone. Another impact of the oil spill is that it is causing U.S. citizens to look at alternative energy sources from renewable sources, such as wind and solar, to traditional sources, including nuclear.

During the program, Ms. Gotthelf argues nuclear power is underutilized in the United States. For example, France gets about 70% of their energy from nuclear and Japan is at about 40% (with nuclear plant construction underway to get to 50% fairly soon). However, nuclear plants in the U.S. generate only 20% of the nation's electricity.

Based in Butzel Long's Bloomfield Hills office, Ms. Gotthelf heads up the environmental, energy and land use practice. She represents and counsels a diverse mix of clients in numerous matters throughout the country. These matters include OSHA issues along with alternative energy, start ups, environmental compliance and permitting responding to an emergency military contracting, siting new facilities state and federal civil and criminal enforcement compliance audits brownfields tax incentives (obtaining, selling, purchasing) remediation of contaminated sites Planned Unit Developments (PUDs) insurance claims administrative procedures solid and hazardous waste landfills composting occupational safety and health transportation and land use.

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Ms. Gotthelf is president of the Great Lakes Guardian for water protection, general counsel to the Michigan Association of Metal Finishers, Chair of the Birmingham Brownfield Authority, and former general counsel to the Wayne County Brownfield Authority.

She has been very active in the State Bar of Michigan, Environmental Law Section, including serving as past Chair of the Section. She is Co Chair of the American Bar Association (ABA) Section of Natural Resources, Energy and Environmental Law, Teleconference Committee, Vice Chair of the ABA 2010 Eastern Water Conference and ABA 2011 National Water Conference, and Vice Chair of the ABA Water Quality and Wetlands Committee. 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 has authored numerous articles.

Ms. Gotthelf serves on the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce Leadership Committee for Transportation, and is past Chair of the Chamber's Task Force on Water and Sewer Issues. She is a Fellow of the Michigan State Bar Foundation and a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America.

Ms. Gotthelf is Chair of the City of Birmingham (Michigan) Brownfield Authority. She also is past Co-Chair of the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) Legislative Action Committee. 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.

Her charitable activities include serving as past President of the Board of Trustees for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Michigan Chapter Chair of the Board of Trustees of Oakland Plus Foundation, Trustee of the Jewish Vocational Services member of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit, State Government Relations Oversight Committee former member of the Board of Directors for the University Cancer Foundation and member of the Seymour Gill Financial Women's Advisory Board.

Ms. Gotthelf is listed as one of the "Top 100 Michigan Super Lawyers" by *Michigan Super Lawyer* (2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009) and as one of the "Top 50 Female Michigan Super Lawyers" (2006, 2008 and 2009). She has received a number of awards and special recognitions, including as an emerging leader by the Detroit Regional Chamber (2003) the National Association of Metal Finishers (2002) *Corp! Magazine* as one of "Michigan's 95 Most Powerful Women" (2002) *Corp! Magazine's* "Top 10 Business Attorneys for Southeast Michigan" (1999) and *Crain's Detroit Business'* 40 emerging leaders under age 40 ("40 Under 40") (1994). Ms. Gotthelf has authored articles of national interest for the ABA on Proposed Wastewater Regulations and Underground Storage Tanks.

Ms. Gotthelf is a graduate of the University of Detroit (J.D., 1985) and Oakland University (B.S. Public Administration and Public Policy, 1980). In 2009, Ms. Gotthelf received an Oakland University Distinguished Alumni Award. Ms. Gotthelf is a resident of Birmingham.

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