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Butzel Long attorney Clara DeMatteis Mager elected President of the Italian American Bar Association of Michigan

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DETROIT, Mich. – **Butzel Long** attorney **Clara DeMatteis Mager** has been elected President of the Italian American Bar Association of Michigan (IABAM). Previously, she served as Vice President and a Board member of the Association.

The Italian American Bar Association of Michigan, which has been in existence since 1931, is made up of individuals who are proud of their Italian heritage and who seek to advance Italian-Americans both personally and professionally. Membership in IABAM gives its members the opportunity to network with members of the bench and the bar in informal settings. The IABAM hold approximately eight dinner meetings throughout the year. Dinner meetings are a mix of social and professional activities.

Based in Butzel Long's Detroit office, Ms. Mager is the Practice Group Manager of the firm's Immigration Practice Group. She focuses her practice on business and family immigration issues including all aspects of the international movement of personnel, inbound and outbound work-authorized nonimmigrant (temporary) and immigrant (permanent) status, immigration consequences of mergers, acquisitions and corporate restructuring, employer sanctions, and immigration law audits (e.g. labor condition applications and I-9). Ms. Mager serves on the Firm's Strategic Planning Committee, is the Chairperson of the Firm's Diversity and Retention Committee, and is a member of the Firm's Global Automotive Industry Group.

Ms. Mager is a frequent speaker on business immigration to professional, educational and business organizations. She also provides training sessions to clients on numerous topics including U.S. nonimmigrant visas, U.S. permanent resident processing and strategy building to streamline the process,

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Form I-9 completion and compliance training, outbound non-U.S. immigration general strategic planning, and workplace compliance related to immigration. Ms. Mager has coordinated and presented numerous programs at Butzel Long and for organizations including the Federal Bar Association, Genesee Area Human Resources Association, the French American Chamber of Commerce, Wayne County Family Lawyers, and the Michigan Institute for Continuing Legal Education.

Ms. Mager is a member the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), American Bar Association, Federal Bar Association (a Co-Chair of Immigration Committee), State Bar of Michigan (Past Chairperson of the International Law Section and previously held positions of Chair-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Council Member and Chairperson of the Immigration Committee), Women Lawyers Bar Association and Italian American Bar Association of Michigan (Current President). She also is active in Lex Mundi's Immigration Group (Regional Chair and former Chairperson), the J.D./LL.B. Advisory Board, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law/University of Windsor Faculty of Law (Board Member and past Chair), and the Italian American Alliance for Business and Technology (Board Member). Ms. Mager is a graduate of the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce Leadership Detroit XXII Class. She is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* (Immigration) and *Michigan Super Lawyers* (Immigration). Ms. Mager is a *Martindale-Hubbell* featured AV Peer Review Rated Lawyer.

Ms. Mager is active with Cornerstone Schools and in the community working on pro bono immigration matters.

Ms. Mager is a graduate of the Detroit College of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 1987) where she was a member of Law Review.

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