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Butzel Long attorney Geaneen M. Arends elected to Detroit Public TV Board of Trustees

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DETROIT, Mich. – Butzel Long attorney and shareholder Geaneen M. Arends was recently elected to serve as a member of the Detroit Educational Television Foundation/ Detroit Public Television (DPTV) Board of Trustees.

"Detroit Public TV offers unique educational programming for all ages," said Arends. "Many of the programs are produced right here in southeast Michigan. I am truly honored to serve our community in this important leadership role."

Based in the firm's Detroit office, Arends concentrates her practice on general business law and commercial real estate.

Arends assists business clients with general business planning, entity formation and maintenance, mergers, acquisitions, private placements, woman-owned/minority-owned/disadvantaged business certification, insurance and risk management issues and general business contracts. She also has advised business clients on a variety of real estate transactions, including acquisition, development and leasing of multi-family residential, retail, office and industrial properties throughout the United States. She has represented both borrowers and lenders in multi-million dollar real estate financing transactions.

She also serves on the Board of Directors for Michigan Community Resources (formerly known as Community Legal Resources), a non-profit organization that provides technical assistance and free legal services to non- profit organizations revitalizing and bringing economic development to underserved communities in Detroit and throughout Michigan.

Arends is an alumna of Leadership Detroit, Class XXVII. She also serves on the Board of Trustees of the Detroit Historical Society. At the same time, she serves on the Steering Committee for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Classical Roots Celebration.

Arends is a graduate of Michigan State University (B.A., History, 1994) and of Boston College Law School (J.D., 1998). She is admitted to the State Bar of Michigan and the United States District Court of the Eastern District of Michigan.