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Butzel Long attorney Reginald A. Pacis featured at U.S. Immigration Issues and Citizenship Forum on February 28

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DETROIT, Mich. – **Butzel Long** attorney and shareholder **Reginald A. Pacis** will be a featured speaker at a U.S. Immigration Issues and Citizenship Forum on Saturday, February 28, 2009 at the Philippine American Community Center of Michigan in Southfield. The information session will help participants learn about the citizenship process, available resources, immigration/refugee issues, and more. The event is presented by American Citizens for Justice/Asian American Center for Justice and the Asian and Pacific and Islander American (APIA) Vote–Michigan.

Based in Butzel Long's Detroit office, Mr. Pacis concentrates his practice in immigration law and has handled a variety of immigration matters including H-1B specialty occupation cases, L-1 Intracompany transfers, Labor Certification matters, Immigrant Visa Petitions/ Adjustment of Status applications and interviews, TN Free trade cases, H-1B Department of Labor Investigations, I-9 employer verification compliance, and U.S. Port of Entry airport and land port interviews.

Mr. Pacis is a member of the American Bar Association, the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AlLA), and the Samahang Pilipino Ng Oakland Filipino organization. He served two consecutive terms from 2003 to 2004 and 2004 to 2005 as Chairperson of the Michigan Chapter of AlLA and was a member of the AlLA National Board of Governors for those terms. He previously served as Secretary (2001 to 2003) and Membership Chairperson of the Michigan Chapter of AlLA (1998 to 2003).

Mr. Pacis has been a speaker on immigration topics at numerous business, Hispanic, and Filipino programs. He has served on a variety of committees in the Filipino community. He has served as a member of the AlLA National liaison committee dealing with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, a division of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security presiding over inspections and security of the U.S. border. He previously served as Chairperson of the Michigan AlLA Committee and as a liaison with the Michigan Customs and Border Protection Agency. Mr. Pacis presently serves on the AlLA Border Security Committee and the Michigan AlLA Advocacy Committee. He was appointed by Governor Granholm to serve on the Advisory Committee for Asian Pacific American Affairs (ACAPAA).

Mr. Pacis received his J.D. from the Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University in 1996 and his B.A. from James Madison College at Michigan State University in 1992. He joined the State Bar of Michigan in 1997.

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