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Butzel Long attorney Reginald A. Pacis featured at program to attract foreign nationals to the state

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE **DETROIT, Mich.** – **Butzel Long** attorney and shareholder Reginald A. Pacis was recently a co-presenter before a Talent Caucus Luncheon in Lansing. The topic for the presentation was the importance of attracting foreign nationals to Michigan and to examine state policies that promote inclusive communities which have been proven to attract more talent, people and investment. Mr. Pacis presented along with Mike Nowlan, American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) President and Kirk Metzger of United Way of Southeastern Michigan. Butzel Long was among the sponsors of the event.

Mr. Pacis concentrates his practice in immigration law. He is a member of the American Bar Association, AILA, 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 AILA and was a member of the AILA National Board of Governors for those terms. He previously served as Secretary (2001 to 2003) and Membership Chairperson of the Michigan Chapter of AILA (1998 to 2003).

Mr. Pacis has been a speaker on immigration topics at many business, Hispanic, and Filipino presentations. He is a frequent presenter at the Annual Butzel Long Immigration seminar. He was a presenter and member of the faculty for the 2004 AILA National Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and published in the 2004 AILA National Conference materials. He was a presenter and discussion leader at the 2006 AILA National Conference in San Antonio, Texas.

As part of a panel of immigration lawyers in 2007, Mr. Pacis spoke on immigration employer compliance issues for an immigration seminar sponsored by the Governor's Advisory Council on Asian Pacific American Affairs in Lansing, Michigan.

He also has served on a variety of committees in the Filipino community. He is presently serving as a member of the AILA National committee responsible for liaison with the 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 AILA Committee responsible for liaison with the Michigan Customs and Border Protection Agency. He now serves on the Michigan AILA Advocacy Committee. He has been appointed by Governor Granholm to serve on the Advisory Committee for Asian Pacific American Affairs (ACAPAA).

Based in Butzel Long's Detroit office, 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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