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Butzel Long attorney Susan L. Johnson elected a Director of the Environmental Management Association

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS, Mich. – **Butzel Long** attorney and shareholder **Susan L. Johnson** has been elected to a director's position with the Environmental Management Association. Her term begins in January 2008 and runs through December 2009.

Ms. Johnson is a leading environmental attorney in Michigan. Her principal areas of practice include all aspects of environmental law with an emphasis on environmental and regulatory compliance the siting and permitting of solid and hazardous waste landfills and treatment facilities, scrap and other recycling facilities environmental due diligence, as well as municipal and environmental contracting.

Prior to joining Butzel Long, Ms. Johnson served as Senior Environmental Counsel to Soave Enterprises LLC., a large privately held management company with affiliates engaged in a variety of industries including real estate development, scrap metal processing, and industrial waste services. Ms. Johnson had chief responsibility for advising the company on all aspects of environmental and regulatory matters, including compliance, permitting, campaign finance, governmental liaison, facility siting, host community negotiations and the monitoring and overseeing of legislative initiatives in areas affecting the companies' interests. She represented the company concerning Michigan and federal laws dealing with hazardous and non-hazardous solid waste including Michigan Act 451 RCRA CWA CERCLA (and state equivalent, Part 201) TSCA contract development and review and real estate matters and served as General Counsel to the Soave affiliated entities, Inland Waters Pollution Control and ProLine Technologies.

Prior to joining Soave Enterprises, Ms. Johnson was assistant corporation counsel for the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD). She acted as in-house counsel to a large wastewater treatment plant, with emphasis on environmental and contract law. Her experience included the development and enactment (through City Council) of an Industrial Waste Control Ordinance and multi-jurisdictional agreements with suburban community users of POTW negotiation of EPA settlements and remedial plans for contaminated properties acquired by City drafting and reviewing municipal contracts handling miscellaneous bid protests and litigation affecting DWSD.

Ms. Johnson is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, and was elected in 1999 to serve on the Environmental Council. She is a member of the Michigan State Bar's Environmental Law Section Superfund and Insurance Committee Solid and Hazardous Waste Committee Natural Resources and Wetland Committee. She is a member of the Michigan Waste Industry Association, Inc. and the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce Task Force on Water and Sewerage Issues. She is a frequent speaker at various legal and professional conferences.

Ms. Johnson is a graduate of Wayne State University Law School (J.D., 1984) and the University of Michigan (B.A., 1980). She also completed the NITA Trial Advocacy Course (1987), Sanitary Landfill Design Course (1990) and the Groundwater Chemistry Course Certificate (1991) from the Engineering Society of Detroit and the ISO 14000 Lead EMS Auditor Course, British Standards Institute (1997). She is a resident of Northville.

About the Environmental Management Association

The Environmental Management Association maintains an active information exchange between government and industry professionals involved with environmental management to arrive at solutions to environmental issues within a framework of ethics appropriate to the environmental field. The EMA believes in and supports the application of integrity, common sense, sound sciences and fiscal responsibility in all matters affecting the environment.

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