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Butzel Long attorney Thomas A. Kabel reprises role as Corporate/ Real Estate Practice Department Chair

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS, Mich. – **Thomas A. Kabel**, attorney and shareholder, **Butzel Long**, has once again been appointed Corporate/ Real Estate Practice Department Chair, a role he previously served in for six years.

Based in the firm's Bloomfield Hills office, Kabel concentrates his practice in the area of commercial real estate and real estate-related finance. He has been involved in all facets of acquisition, disposition, leasing, financing and development of real property throughout his career.

Kabel's real estate practice spans a wide range of diverse areas and clients, representing developers, automotive companies, colleges and universities in all aspects of their real estate needs. He also has extensive experience representing commercial lenders in conventional financing and has served as bank and bond counsel on numerous industrial revenue and other tax-exempt financings.

Kabel is certified by the National Association of Development Companies (a trade association of companies that have been certified by the Small Business Administration to provide funding for small businesses) to close SBA loans under the SBA's 504 Loan program. For the past eight years, he has devoted a portion of his practice to representing Oakland County Business Finance Corporation in connection with their SBA 504 Loan program, closing approximately 20-24 such loans each year.

Kabel is currently Vice Chair of the Real Property Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan and is a former Chair of the Section's CLE Committee. He is the author of *Equitable Subrogation: Why the Refinance Lender's Security Interest May Not be as Secure as it Thinks* (Michigan Real Property Review) and has participated as a speaker and/or author in numerous seminars and other continuing legal education programs over the years. Kabel is

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also a member of the American College of Mortgage Attorneys and of the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section of the American Bar Association.

Kabel is a graduate of Wayne State University Law School (J.D., *cum laude*, 1999), where he was Senior Articles Editor of the Wayne Law Review, and Grand Valley State University (B.S. 1995).