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Butzel Long attorney featured during ABA's Employment Rights & Responsibilities Committee Midwinter Meeting in Mexico

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DETROIT, Mich. – Butzel Long attorney and shareholder Bernard (Bernie) J. Fuhs was a featured panelist during the American Bar Association's (ABA) Employment Rights & Responsibilities Committee Midwinter Meeting March 22–25, 2017 in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

The presentation was titled, "The Evolving Landscape for Trade Secrets, Non-Competes and Other Restrictive Covenants: Time They Are a Changin'." The panelists discussed cutting-edge insights and practical advice on how to navigate the evolving legal landscape governing non-competes, non-solicits and new forms of restrictive covenants, as well as recent case law developments under The Defend Trade Secrets Act. The other panelists were The Honorable Bernice B. Donald of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and Elizabeth Pannill Fletcher, Ahmad, Zavitsanos, Anaipokos, Alavi & Mensing, P.C. – Houston, TX. The moderator was Donald S. Barth, Munich Reinsurance America, Princeton, N.J.

Based in Butzel Long's Detroit office, Fuhs concentrates his practice in the areas of business and commercial litigation with significant experience in non-compete, non-disclosure, and trade secret disputes, franchise disputes business and financial industry disputes, transportation and logistics industry disputes, and sales representative matters. He is regarded as a leading expert on non-compete/trade secret law, having litigated and counseled clients on such matters in all 50 states and having presented to many national and local business organizations regarding the same. He also advises start-up and emerging companies, as well as sports and fitness industry members.

Fuhs has been named a Michigan Super Lawyer (2013 through 2017) and a *Business Litigation, Trade Secret, and Franchise Top Lawyer* by *DBusiness* magazine. He was also named to *Crain's Detroit Business* "40 under 40" Class of 2012, which honors "the

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best and brightest in Southeast Michigan,” as well as to L. Brooks Patterson’s Elite 40 Under 40 Class of 2013. Fuhs also serves as a television color analyst for NCAA and MHSAA Basketball.