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Butzel Long attorney invited to testify during Michigan Law Revision Commission Meeting

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Butzel Long immigration law attorney Reginald A. Pacis was among a group of leading experts who were invited to testify during a Michigan Law Revision Commission Meeting on August 26, 2015 in Lansing. The focus of the Meeting was to discuss the impact of immigration issues on the State of Michigan's Drivers license issuing practices and access to driver's licenses or state identification in Michigan for applicants authorized to stay in the U.S. Participants were invited to provide analysis and offer key insight to the Commission on this matter.

Based in Butzel Long's Detroit office, 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.

Pacis was named Immigration Lawyer of the Year 2013 in the field of Immigration Law by *The Best Lawyers in America* and has been listed in *Best Lawyers* for several years. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), and the Samahang Pilipino Ng Oakland Filipino organization. He served two consecutive one-year terms from 2003 to 2005 as Chairperson of the Michigan Chapter of AILA and was a member of the AILA National Board of Governors for those terms. Pacis previously served as Secretary (2001 to 2003) and Membership Chairperson of the Michigan Chapter of AILA (1998 to 2003).

He has been a speaker on immigration topics at many business, Hispanic, and Filipino presentations. Pacis has served in a variety of committees in the Filipino community and is a member of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce of Michigan. He completed an

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appointment by former Governor Granholm for service on the Advisory Committee for Asian Pacific American Affairs (ACAPAA). He served on the Michigan AILA Advocacy Committee from 2007 to 2010.

Butzel Attorney Reginald Pacis previously served as Chairperson of the Michigan AILA Committee responsible for liaison with the Michigan Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Agency, a division of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security presiding over inspections and security of the U.S. border, from 2005 to 2007.

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His service expanded to the AILA National CBP liaison Committee as a member and Vice Chair and Chair. He presently serves on the AILA United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) National Benefits Center Liaison Committee.