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## Butzel Long attorney to discuss Michigan's Right-to-Work Laws during "Lunch and Launch" program on February 21, 2013 in Sterling Heights

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DETROIT, Mich. – Michigan's recently enacted "right-to-work" laws will make it unlawful to require an employee to become a union member or to pay dues or fees as a condition of employment. However, what does this mean for employers moving forward?

**Butzel Long** labor and employment attorney **John Hancock, Jr.**, will discuss Michigan's right-to-work laws during a "Lunch and Launch Program" from Noon to 1 p.m. on Thursday, February 21, 2013 at the Macomb-OU INCubator at the Velocity Collaboration Center, located at 6633 Eighteen Mile Road in Sterling Heights. Seating is limited for this free program and registration is required. To register, call Joan Carleton at (586) 884-9324 or email: [macINC@oakland.edu](mailto:macINC@oakland.edu).

This briefing will review these new laws and how they may impact unions, non-union employers, and collective bargaining strategies. Discussion also will include potential union requests to extend current contracts before the law becomes effective, administration of dues check-offs, and potential legal challenges.

Based in Butzel Long's Detroit office, Mr. Hancock's practice focuses on collective bargaining negotiations and arbitrations as well as counseling of both public and private employers. He also has extensive experience in employment and OSHA litigation. Mr. Hancock has served as chief negotiator in numerous collective bargaining negotiations for public schools, municipal and public utilities as well as clients in various other businesses ranging from casinos to steel plants to hospitals and country clubs. A good portion of his practice is devoted to counseling clients on employment issues.

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