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# Butzel Long attorneys James C. Bruno & Marie Alsace Galindo featured at Int'l Conference of Mexico Automotive Industry July 13-15 in Mexico City

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Attorney **Clara DeMatteis Mager** to speak on EB5 investors visas during presentation in Mexico City as well

**DETROIT, Mich. – Butzel Long's** Global Automotive Practice is recognized as the premier legal and business advisory group to automotive suppliers in the world's most important automotive markets. Butzel Long attorney **James C. Bruno** will be featured during a panel presentation on financial risks and opportunities during the International Conference of the Mexico Automotive Industry (CIIAM) 2009 July 13-15, 2009, in Mexico City. The presentation will include how suppliers have been treated in the Chrysler and General Motors bankruptcy proceedings. In addition, Butzel Long attorney **Marie Alsace Galindo** will be moderating a panel presentation during the Conference.

On a related programming note, Butzel Long attorney **Clara DeMatteis Mager** will be giving a presentation in Mexico City as well during the same time frame. Her presentation will focus on EB5 investors visas (the permanent residency green cards) that the United States government grants to foreign investors when they invest in the United States.

#### James C. Bruno

James C. Bruno is a shareholder practicing in Butzel Long's Detroit office and recently concluded service on the firm's Board of Directors. Mr. Bruno's primary practice includes corporations and limited liability companies sales representatives and distributorships supplier relations immigration and foreign employment international business law closely held business mergers and acquisitions joint ventures and toxation. Mr. Bruno has extensive experience in providing legal services to both large organizations and family businesses. He was Counsel General in Detroit for El Salvador from 1973 to 1997.

Mr. Bruno is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, local bar associations, and the American Immigration Lawyers Association. He has served as Chair of the State Bar of Michigan's Business Law Section, Co-Chair of the Corporate Laws Committee, Council Member of the International Law Section, Co-Chair of the International Business Law Committee, and Member of the Advisory Committee for the Michigan Bar Journal.

#### Marie Alsace Galindo

Marie Alsace Galindo is the only licensed-in-Mexico attorney in Michigan certified by the State Bar to advise on Mexican law. Ms. Galindo is based in the firm's Detroit office and serves as the international practice advisor for Mexican and Latin American legal and business issues.

Ms. Galindo has significant experience and professional relationships both in Mexico and in the Mexican business community. She has cultivated strong ties with the leading Mexican business and industry groups, with an emphasis on automotive and manufacturing organizations. Ms. Galindo also has experience in a variety of Mexican legal areas including corporate labor and employment law immigration matters and intellectual property law.

Ms. Galindo's practice hub is in advising companies in structuring investment strategies consulting on business opportunities establishing or expanding operations in Mexico and negotiating and documenting Mexico-related transactions. Fluent in Spanish, English, German, French and Italian, Ms. Galindo has assisted a wide array of international companies do business in Mexico.

#### Clara DeMatteis Mager

Clara DeMatteis Mager is a shareholder based in Butzel Long's Detroit office and the Practice Group Manager of the firm's Immigration Group. Ms. Mager focuses her practice on business and family immigration issues including all aspects of the international movement of personnel, inbound and outbound work-authorized nonimmigrant (temporary) and immigrant (permanent) status, immigration consequences of mergers, acquisitions and corporate restructuring, employer sanctions, and immigration law audits (e.g. labor condition applications and I-9).

Ms. Mager serves on the Firm's Strategic Planning Committee, is the Chairperson of the Firm's Diversity and Retention Committee, and is a member of the Firm's Global Automotive Industry Group.

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The firm is also a member of the Washington, D.C. law firm Butzel Long Tighe Patton. Butzel Long represents clients from diverse industries on a regional, national and multi-national level and is a

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