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Butzel Long attorneys Sean H. Cook and Jennifer E. Powell featured during Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants 2011 Mergers & Acquisitions Conference

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS, Mich. – **Butzel Long** attorneys **Sean H. Cook** and **Jennifer E. Powell** were featured speakers during the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MACPA) 2011 Mergers & Acquisitions Conference on June 21 in Novi.

Mr. Cook was a featured speaker during an Ask the Expert panel presentation. Ms. Powell spoke during a breakout session on: “What CPAs Involved in M&A Transactions Should Know About Securities Laws and Recent Regulatory Reform.”

Sean H. Cook

Based in Butzel Long’s Bloomfield Hills office, Mr. Cook’s diverse practice includes federal and state tax planning and controversy general corporate law which covers shareholder and owner issues, choice of entity analysis and formation and dissolution transactions commercial law covering contract review and UCC issues merger and acquisitions succession planning estate and trust planning and administration non-profit entities, and general tax planning and consultation.

Mr. Cook has helped clients buy and sell their businesses from structuring the transaction and handling the due diligence through closing and post-closing transactions. In the succession planning area, he has handled generation wealth transfers through a variety of mechanisms from traditional gifting to recapitalizations and family partnerships.

In addition, Mr. Cook is a CPA with more than eight years experience with a national firm and a metro Detroit firm. This CPA background adds an extra dimension when representing clients because of his “practical experience” with complex tax

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rules and his experience with financial and accounting issues.

Mr. Cook was recently named by DBusiness as a Metro Detroit Top Lawyer for Tax Law and Nonprofit/Charities Law.

Mr. Cook has published a number of legal articles. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MACPA) (2009–2012) and is the immediate past chair of the MACPA Federal Tax Task Force.

Jennifer E. Powell

Based in Butzel Long's Bloomfield Hills office, Ms. Powell focuses her practice on mergers and acquisitions, venture capital and private equity financing, corporate governance, securities law compliance, securities offerings, and general corporate matters.

Ms. Powell has extensive experience in representing buyers and sellers in merger and acquisition transactions involving both public and private companies. She regularly advises companies and investors in venture capital and private equity financing transactions. Ms. Powell's practice also includes other complex transactional, corporate and securities matters, such as joint ventures and cross-border transactions, SEC compliance and reporting, public offerings and corporate governance. Her corporate finance experience includes IPOs, public "shelf" offerings and private placements of securities. Ms. Powell represents companies as general corporate counsel, providing advice in all aspects of corporate governance.

Ms. Powell is the co-chair of Butzel Long's Pro-Bono Committee and a member of the firm's M&A and Investment Management Groups. Ms. Powell is admitted to practice in Michigan and Massachusetts.

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