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Butzel Long attorneys to discuss Michigan's Right-to-Work Law at Automation Alley on January 29, 2013 in Troy

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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?

Three **Butzel Long** attorneys will be featured during Michigan's Right-to-Work Law Briefing presented in partnership with Automation Alley from 8:30 to 10:15 a.m. on **Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at Automation Alley, located at 2675 Bellingham Drive in Troy**. The registration fee is \$25 and includes continental breakfast.

Featured presenters include attorneys from Butzel Long's Labor and Employment Law Practice Group. Panelists include **Robert A. Boonin** and **Craig S. Schwartz**. The moderator will be **Gary W. Klotz**.

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.

"While the concept of 'Right-to-Work' may sound quite simple, the legal obligations of employers (particularly unionized employers) under the new Michigan statutes, may in fact be quite complex," said **Craig S. Schwartz**, labor and employment law attorney, Butzel Long. "A familiarity with the legal parameters of the RTW statutes is critical to avoid significant legal claims by both employees and labor unions."

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Robert A. Boonin

Mr. Boonin is based in Butzel Long's Ann Arbor office. His practice is largely concentrated in the areas of labor, employment discrimination, public contract and education law.

Craig S. Schwartz

Mr. Schwartz is based in the firm's Bloomfield Hills office. He practices in the areas of labor relations and employment-related litigation. Mr. Schwartz has broad experience in collective bargaining for employers in many industries, labor arbitration and union representation proceedings, and has represented employers in over one hundred fifty labor arbitrations.

Gary W. Klotz

Mr. Klotz, based in the firm's Detroit office, has represented employers in labor and employment law matters for more than 30 years. He has successfully defended employers in state and federal courts, as well as before state and federal administrative agencies. He also has extensive experience representing employers in labor arbitration cases, collective bargaining negotiations, and preventive employee relations counseling.

Seating is limited for the program and registration is required. To RSVP, visit www.butzel.com/events/. For inquiries, call Jonathan Spencer at (313) 983-6995.

About Automation Alley

Automation Alley is a technology business association driving the growth and image of Southeast Michigan's economy through a collaborative culture that focuses on workforce and business development initiatives.

Since its founding in 1999, Automation Alley has expanded to include nearly 1,000 businesses, educational institutions and government entities from the city of Detroit and the surrounding eight-county region. Automation Alley promotes regional prosperity through entrepreneurial and exporting assistance, workforce development and technology acceleration.

About Butzel Long

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