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Butzel Long elects shareholders

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DETROIT, Mich. – Butzel Long attorneys Laura E. Johnson and Roxana Zaha have been elected shareholders. Previously, they were associates with the firm.

Laura E. Johnson

Based in Butzel Long's Bloomfield Hills office, Johnson practices in the area of business and corporate law. Johnson assists clients in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, nonprofit organizations, corporate governance, entity formation and general corporate and business law. Johnson is the co-chair of Butzel Long's Pro-Bono Committee and a member of the firm's Recruiting, Diversity and Retention Committee.

Johnson is part of the Business Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan and is a member the OESA's Young Leadership Council 3. She is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, the Federal Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. She is admitted to practice in Michigan and New York.

Johnson is a graduate of Michigan State University College of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2009) where she was a member of Law Review and Executive Editor (2008–09). She also graduated from the University of Michigan (B.A., with honors, 2006).

Prior to joining Butzel Long, Johnson worked as a law clerk in the office of the General Counsel for DaimlerChrysler Financial Services Americas and also held several positions with DFCU Financial Federal Credit Union.

Roxana Zaha

Zaha, based in Butzel Long's Bloomfield Hills office, concentrates her practice in the area of commercial real estate. She assists clients in all aspects of acquisition, disposition, leasing and financing real estate transactions. She advises clients regarding

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title matters and regularly works with title insurance companies and land surveying companies. She also has represented purchasers of distressed real estate assets. She represents borrowers and lenders in multi-million dollar real estate financing transactions.

Zaha is certified by the National Association of Development Companies (a trade association of companies that have been certified by the U.S. Small Business Administration to provide funding for small businesses) to close SBA loans under the SBA's 504 Loan program.

Zaha also represents clients in residential real estate matters, including purchasing and selling residential property, drafting lease agreements and representing both landlords and tenants in lease disputes litigated in landlord-tenant court.

Recently, Zaha was selected to participate in Leadership Oakland's LOXXVI Class. She is admitted to practice in Michigan State Courts and the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. She is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, the Federal Bar Association, and the American Bar Association.

Zaha is a graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*), where she was a member of the school's Law Review (2007-2009), a member of the Board of Directors for Moot Court (2007-2008), a member of the Dean's Honor Society (2007-2009), and a member of the Frank Murphy Honor Society. She is a graduate of Oakland University (B.A., *cum laude*) and received the Michigan Competitive Scholarship and Michigan Merit Award during that time.

Prior to joining Butzel Long, Zaha worked as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney at the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office, where she prosecuted criminal cases in district court and tried jury and bench trials.