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## Butzel Long immigration law attorney Reginald A. Pacis is a speaker in demand

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DETROIT, Mich. – **Butzel Long** attorney and shareholder **Reginald A. Pacis** will participate in a panel presentation hosted by the Philippine Chamber of Commerce-MI (PCCM) and the Asian & Pacific Islander American Vote – Michigan (APIA) on October 30. The panel will discuss topics on immigration basics, inspired laws, H-1B classification and options.

Mr. Pacis also participated in the Council of Asian Pacific Americans in Michigan 2010 Statewide Asian Pacific American Leadership Summit on October 23. Mr. Pacis served on a panel that discussed immigration law.

In addition, Mr. Pacis participated in a panel discussion on October 19 hosted by the Washtenaw County Bar Association during its 19th Annual Bias Awareness Week. The theme for the program was “Application, and Constitutionality of Immigration Laws – Impact on Issues of Race, Gender and Ethnic Bias”.

Mr. Pacis concentrates his practice in immigration law and has handled a variety of immigration matters including H-1B specialty occupation cases, L-1 Intracompany transfers, Labor Certification matters, Immigrant Visa Petitions/ Adjustment of Status applications and interviews, TN Free trade cases, H-1B Department of Labor Investigations, I-9 employer verification compliance, and U.S. Port of Entry airport and land port interviews. Mr. Pacis is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* (Immigration Law).

Mr. Pacis is a member of the American Bar Association, the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), and the Samahang Pilipino Ng Oakland Filipino organization. He served two consecutive terms from 2003 to 2004 and 2004 to 2005 as Chairperson of the Michigan Chapter of AILA and was a member

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of the AILA National Board of Governors for those terms. He previously served as Secretary (2001 to 2003) and Membership Chairperson of the Michigan Chapter of AILA (1998 to 2003).

Mr. Pacis has been a speaker on immigration topics at many business, Hispanic, and Filipino presentations. He has written guest articles as well on immigration law matters.

Mr. Pacis has served in a variety of committees in the Filipino community and is a member of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce of Michigan. He completed an appointment by Governor Granholm for service on the Advisory Committee for Asian Pacific American Affairs (ACAPAA). He served on the Michigan AILA Advocacy Committee from 2007 to 2010. Mr. Pacis previously served as Chairperson of the Michigan AILA Committee responsible for liaison with the Michigan Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") Agency, a division of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security presiding over inspections and security of the U.S. border, from 2005 to 2007. His service expanded to the AILA National CBP liaison Committee as a member and Vice Chair. He now serves as Chair of the AILA National CBP liaison Committee.

Mr. Pacis received his J.D. from the Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University in 1996 and his B.A. from James Madison College at Michigan State University in 1992. He joined the State Bar of Michigan in 1997.

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