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Butzel Long receives Pro Bono Service Award from Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association

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DETROIT, Mich. – **Butzel Long** received the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association (DMBA) Pro Bono Service Award on June 7, 2011 during the Association's 175th Annual Meeting. The award was presented to Butzel Long's Pro Bono Committee including: **James F. Gehrke** and **Jennifer E. Powell**, as Co-Chairs **James E. Wynne**, **Robin Luce Herrmann**, **Paul M. Mersino**, **Daniel R.W. Rustmann**, and **Bethany Steffke Sweeny**.

The award recognized the Committee's overall efforts in the community, but also emphasized the firm's leadership with the DMBA Access to Justice Program legal clinic. Butzel Long attorneys **Paul M. Mersino** and **Ziyad I. Hermiz** have handled cases and served as coordinators for the clinic. Moreover, Butzel Long attorneys **Bernard J. Fuhs**, **Jonathan F. Jorissen**, **Joseph E. Richotte**, **James A. Sheridan** and **Laura E. Tedesco** have been actively involved with the DMBA's Access to Justice Program legal clinic as well.

Moreover, Butzel Long attorney **Katherine Donohue Goudie**, Co-Chair of the Barristers of the DMBA School Partnership Program, presented an essay contest award to a high school student. Butzel Long was thanked for its participation in the DMBA Honors Circle as well.

Throughout its more than 150 years, Butzel Long has a long and distinguished history of public service, particularly assisting clients who could otherwise not afford legal representation. Providing quality pro bono legal services is a priority for Butzel Long. The firm's lawyers, from the newest associate to members of the Board of Directors, use their expertise and training to make a difference each year, providing thousands of hours to those in need through a wide range of programs and relationships.

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“We are proud of Butzel Long’s dedication to pro bono work,” said **James E. Wynne**, a member of Butzel Long’s Board of Directors and the Board’s liaison to the firm’s Pro Bono Committee. “We will continue to provide the resources and support necessary to encourage everyone associated with Butzel Long to participate in our Pro Bono and public service efforts.”

About Butzel Long

Established in 1854, Butzel Long is a leading law firm with offices in Detroit, Bloomfield Hills, Lansing and Ann Arbor, Michigan, New York City, and Washington, D.C., as well as Alliance offices in Beijing, Shanghai, Mexico City and Monterrey. 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 regional, national, and multi-national levels and is a member of Lex Mundi, a global association of 160 independent law firms. Visit the Butzel Long website at www.butzel.com.

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