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## Butzel attorney featured on National Security Law Today podcast

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ANN ARBOR, Mich. – **Butzel** attorney and shareholder **Claudia Rast** was a featured guest on the *National Security Law (NSL) Today* podcast on October 5, 2021. Notably, a significant portion of the podcast focused on the Frances Haugen Senate hearing on Facebook.

NSL Today is a weekly podcast from the American Bar Association (ABA) Standing Committee on Law and National Security—the link is [here](#). The podcast features interviews with practicing attorneys, legal experts and thought leaders on the most current national security law issues, predictions for future legal trends, and career advice for those looking to break into the field.

Rast, who chairs Butzel's Intellectual Property, Cybersecurity and Emerging Technology Practice Department, blends her expertise in law, business, and science to assist companies in their strategic use of technology, counseling clients in the areas of privacy, cybersecurity, data security and governance, intellectual property licensing and registration, and the forensic preservation and analysis of electronically stored information.

With the rise of cyber events, and the vulnerability of business as their workforce connects from home in response to COVID-19, her background in forensics, IT environments and security has proved invaluable to both defend against and respond to cyber attacks and to conduct cybersecurity awareness and response training sessions.

Similarly, over the past several years, she has worked within both the IT entrepreneur community and the automotive supplier network to negotiate contracts covering innovative technologies associated with autonomous and connected vehicles, addressing security, privacy, IP ownership, and to the impacts of new laws and regulations, ranging from the General Data Protection Regulation in the EU to the California Consumer

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Rast was appointed to co-chair the American Bar Association (ABA) Cybersecurity Legal Task Force in 2020. Prior to that, she had been appointed to successive one-year terms since 2013.

She is a frequent national speaker on matters ranging from cybersecurity, privacy, and data governance. In addition, she has published numerous articles including an online privacy course for CPA's to receive CPE credit.

In 2017, she co-authored a chapter to the second edition of *The ABA Cybersecurity Handbook*. A third edition of the Handbook will be published in February 2022, in which Rast co-authored a chapter on incident response. In May 2021, she was a featured contributor to the Cybersecurity Legal Task Force's Vendor Contracting Project, which published the second edition of its Cybersecurity Checklist.

She is a graduate of the University of Michigan (B.S., Natural Resources) and cum laude graduate of the University of Detroit School of Law, where she served as Editor-in-Chief of the University of Detroit Law Review. In 2014, Rast successfully completed the four-week online program, "Tackling the Challenges of Big Data," developed and taught by the faculty of the MIT Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory in collaboration with MIT Professional Education.