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## Reginald A. Pacis appointed by Governor Granholm to serve on the Governor's Advisory Council on Asian Pacific American Affairs (ACAPAA)

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DETROIT, Mich. – Butzel Long attorney and shareholder Reginald A. Pacis has been appointed by Governor Jennifer M. Granholm to serve on the Governor's Advisory Council on Asian Pacific American Affairs (ACAPAA). His term runs through April 30, 2009.

The Governor's Advisory Council on Asian Pacific American Affairs was created in May 2005 by Governor Granholm to advise the Governor and the Department of Civil Rights on policy matters pertaining to Asian and Pacific Americans in Michigan.

Mr. Pacis concentrates his practice in immigration law. He 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 (2003 – 2005) as Chairperson of the Michigan Chapter of AILA and was a member of the AILA National Board of Governors for those terms. In addition, he previously served as secretary (2001 to 2003) and membership chairperson of the Michigan chapter of AILA (1998 to 2003).

Mr. Pacis has served on a variety of committees within the Filipino community. He was a presenter and member of the faculty for the 2004 AILA National Conference. Currently, he serves as a member of the AILA National Committee and is a liaison with the Customs and Border Protection, a division of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security presiding over inspections and security of the U.S. border. He also serves as Chairperson of the Michigan AILA Committee responsible for liaison with the Michigan Customs and Border Protection Agency.

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

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