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Thomas L. Shaevsky appointed to West Bloomfield Township Wetland Review Board

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS, Mich. – Butzel Long senior attorney Thomas L Shaevsky has been appointed to the West Bloomfield Township Wetland Review Board. His term ends December 2008.

The West Bloomfield Township Wetland Review Board reviews plans and issues permits for all construction within designated environmental areas of the Township, including permits for new single family residential construction, sea walls, site drainage and beach sanding.

Mr. Shaevsky is based in Butzel Long's Bloomfield Hills office. He advises for-profit and nonprofit employers, as well as individuals, on compliance and planning issues pertaining to a wide range of retirement and welfare plan issues. His experience includes counseling on fiduciary duty compliance, prohibited transaction avoidance and correction, reporting and disclosure issues, mergers and acquisitions due diligence, and Qualified Domestic Relations Orders (QDRO), as well as Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA), Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and other benefits issues. In addition, Mr. Shaevsky represents clients undergoing IRS and U.S. Department of Labor audits.

Prior to joining Butzel Long, Mr. Shaevsky was engaged as in-house counsel to Comerica Bank's Institutional Trust Department, counseling and advising business owners and managers with regard to retirement plan issues and general compliance issues. He has assisted with the formulation of a multitude of business decisions and policies. Mr. Shaevsky also has experience counseling public entities on Open Meetings Act, Freedom of Information Act, and conflict of interest issues.

Mr. Shaevsky is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School (J.D., 1992, magna cum laude, The Order of the Coif Michigan Law Review: Contributing Editor), and the University of Michigan (B.A., with high distinction, Angell Scholar, 1989). Immediately following law school graduation, Mr. Shaevsky served as a law clerk to the Honorable John Feikens of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Mr. Shaevsky is a member of the State Bar of Michigan (taxation section), American Bar Association (taxation section), and the Michigan Employee Benefits Conference. He is a resident of West Bloomfield.

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