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Butzel attorney Beth S. Gotthelf featured during Michigan Defense Leadership Summit on May 16

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TROY, Mich. – **Butzel** attorney **Beth S. Gotthelf** will participate in a panel program during the **Women in Defense** (WID) **Michigan Defense Leadership Summit** on Thursday, **May 16, 2024** at the MSU Management Education Center in Troy.

Often larger businesses do not appreciate some of the challenges faced by small and medium size suppliers in trying to fulfill their customer's requests with high quality products while trying to run their business profitably but competitively, all the while staying current on regulations and the defense community's needs. Conversely, small and medium size suppliers may not appreciate some of large customers' challenges. How can suppliers and customers work better together to achieve their goals? Those are some of the questions that this panel will discuss.

The program is titled, "Large and Small Business Perspectives on Connectedness within the Defense Community." Other featured panelists include **Krishna Jelinski**, General Dynamics Land Systems; **Nidhi Puri**, Arbor Corporation; and, **Patricia Creagh**, American Rheinmentall Vehicles.

About Beth S. Gotthelf

Beth S. Gotthelf is a Shareholder based in Butzel's Troy office. She is the firm's Director of Innovation and External Relations, Co-Chair of the Energy & Sustainability Practice, and Chair of the Aerospace & Defense Industry Team.

For more than a decade, Gotthelf has been active in the Aerospace and Defense industries, advising clients in the various legal issues including governmental contracting, ITAR, EAR, bids and bid protests, and Foreign Military Sales, to name a few.

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Gotthelf brings a pragmatic and holistic approach to clients' issues, by understanding her clients' goals and assisting them in reaching them through a variety of tools. It is not unusual for her to assist in matchmaking clients' needs, acting as an outside general counsel, or coming up with creative solutions.

She is Chair of the Michigan Manufacturers Association Environmental Policy Committee and National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD) Board Directorship Certified.

