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Butzel attorney Claudia Rast featured during World Justice Forum 2022 at The Hague, Netherlands

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ANN ARBOR, Mich. – **Butzel** attorney and shareholder **Claudia Rast** will be a featured speaker during the World Justice Forum 2022, which takes place from May 30–June 3, 2022 at The Hague in the Netherlands. Rast is one of five presenters and will serve as the rapporteur for the session entitled, “The Law’s Role in Protecting the Most Vulnerable Populations from Climate Change.”

The presentation will focus on those most harmed by the impacts of climate change – vulnerable populations who are the least responsible and, although the most deserving, frequently lack the legal protections or tools to address their harms. As a result, climate change impacts are emerging as growing human rights and rule of law issues. Cases in point are Kivalina, Juliana, the Netherlands case against Shell, and the constitutional recognition of environmental rights.

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.

Notably, Rast is an experienced environmental lawyer, focusing on alternative energy and sustainability practices, including work on the development of a global Rule of Law Index for environment and energy with the World Justice Project.

Rast was appointed to a three-year term 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.

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