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Butzel attorney Debra Geroux will co-present program during State Bar of Michigan's Health Care Law Section's Annual Meeting on September 22, 2022

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TROY, Mich. – **Butzel** attorney and shareholder **Debra A. Geroux** will co-present a webinar titled, "HIPAA Compliance – A Case Study on Reporting Unauthorized Access by Former Employees," during the State Bar of Michigan's Health Care Law Section's (virtual) Annual Meeting on Thursday, September 22, 2022. Geroux will co-present the program with Andrea Merritt, founder, Athena Compliance Partners and a supervisory special agent, FBI Detroit Field Office's Health Care Fraud and Drug Division.

Geroux is a Co-Chair of Butzel's Health Care Industry Team. She also is a member of the firm's Cybersecurity and Privacy Specialty Team, Government & Internal Investigations Team, and Litigation and Dispute Resolution Team.

Her healthcare practice focuses on health care compliance, cybersecurity and privacy, and statutory reporting obligations. She also assists health care practitioners in defense of state and federal debarment, fraud, waste and abuse investigations and litigation, licensing and credentialing, government and commercial payor audits and a host of other health care issues.

Moreover, Geroux has extensive experience in supply chain and source contracting for a large Michigan-based health system, including negotiations of its IT contracts. In September 2018, she earned her Certified in Healthcare Privacy Compliance (CHPC) designation from the Compliance and Certification Board. She also holds a Certified in Healthcare Compliance (CHC) designation, which she received in November 2012. Her representative clients include individual practitioners and group practices, hospitals, community mental health authorities, home health agencies, pharmacies and pharmaceutical manufactures, ambulatory surgery centers, physical therapy

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centers, and DMEPOS suppliers.

Geroux's professional memberships include: the American Bar Association (including the Health Law and Litigation Sections), the Federal Bar Association, the Oakland County Bar Association, and the Health Care Compliance Association. She assisted with numerous pro bono projects for Community Legal Services (n/k/a Michigan Community Resources), which resulted in the publication of various white papers and primers as well as a manual regarding malpractice and liability issues facing non-profit healthcare facilities such as free clinics, FQHCs and FQHC look-alikes and low-cost clinics.

Further, Geroux is actively involved within the community. Currently, she serves on the Board of Directors for Honor Community Health, an FQHC serving Oakland County, Michigan, and as the Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Historical Society for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. Geroux also has served as an Adjunct Professor of Healthcare Law at The Michigan State University College of Law and previously taught Healthcare Insurance Law in the Paralegal Program at Baker College of Auburn Hills.

Notably, Geroux has been recognized as a leading lawyer by the following:

- *Michigan Lawyers Weekly Influential Women of Law Honoree, 2022*
- *Best Lawyers in America, Lawyer of the Year, Health Care Law, 2022*
- *Best Lawyers in America, Health Care Law, 2018 – 2022, Commercial Litigation, 2021–2022*
- *Michigan Super Lawyers, Health Care, 2017–2021*
- *DBusiness Top Lawyers in Metro Detroit, Health Care Law, 2012, 2014, 2017–2020*

Geroux is a graduate of Michigan State University College of Law, (J.D., *cum laude*, 1995), where she was a member and managing editor of the Law Review. She received her Bachelor of Science from Michigan State University in 1988.