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## Butzel Attorney Mitchell Zajac Featured During 2025 EV Small Business Suppliers Forum

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DETROIT, Mich. – **Butzel** attorney and shareholder **Mitchell ("Mitch") Zajac** will be a featured presenter during the **2025 EV Small Business Suppliers Forum** on June 5, 2025, in Chattanooga. He will discuss the impact of tariffs on the EV market. The Forum is organized by the **Automotive Industry Action Group (AIAG), the Tennessee Automotive Manufacturers Association (TAMA), and the TriState Minority Supplier Development Council (TMSDC).**

Zajac has substantial experience in commercial litigation, transactional matters, and negotiating successful resolutions that have earned him an enviable reputation when it comes to achieving results that benefit clients. He counsels and represents professionals in a variety of sectors, large corporations, and entities of all sizes in automotive, intellectual property, regulatory, and emissions compliance, to name a few.

He is a registered patent attorney with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). Zajac counsels and represents clients in intellectual property (IP) matters such as complex trade secret, copyright, and patent litigation. His experience encompasses IP administrative proceedings, including patent inter partes review (IPR) proceedings, patent prosecution in the USPTO, and advising on patent portfolio development and management.

Before joining Butzel, Mitchell was an engineer at a Detroit Three automaker. In this role, he was an advocate for progress and change in a variety of functions, including powertrain and engine systems design and development; design and development engineering, including customer sourcing, quality, and design; international program, supply chain, and manufacturing management, including responsibility for vehicle chief engineering, and product planning and branding. He also

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advocated for progress and change while in this role at two global manufacturing facilities, including supply chain management and customs, vehicle safety certification, fuel economy and greenhouse gas certification, and emissions compliance; purchasing and supplier quality, including rewriting production part approval processes (PPAP), customer tooling quality and payment; vehicle safety and regulatory compliance, both safety, working directly with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA); and emissions, working directly with the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), California Air Resources Board (CARB), and US Department of Justice (DOJ) with a focus on emissions.

Zajac is Chair of Cooley Law School's Board of Directors. He joined Cooley's Board of Directors in 2020 and was elected Vice-Chair in 2022. He also is a member of the WMU Alumni Association Board of Directors, and a member of the WMU Lee Honors College Dean's Advisory Board. Additionally, Zajac is a member of the Michigan Chapter of the American Inns of Court and the Detroit Bar Association.