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Butzel attorneys featured during Michigan Infrastructure & Transportation Association's 2023 Annual Conference

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DETROIT, Mich. – **Butzel** attorneys **Eric Flessland**, **Mike Decker**, **Louis Ronayne** and **Jim Urban** will discuss, "How to Handle a Utility Claim," during the Michigan Infrastructure & Transportation Association's (MITA) Annual Conference on January 19, 2023 in Mount Pleasant.

About Eric Flessland

Eric Flessland's practice focuses primarily on representing heavy construction contractors and their trade associations in the public and private sectors. He has extensive experience representing construction contractor clients on public and private works projects from inception through close out.

His experience extends to insurance and suretyship issues affecting the construction industry and has drafted a wide range of contract agreements for project owners, contractors, and subcontractors. His representation of firm clients covers a wide range of public and private matters including enforcement of competitive bidding procedures on local- and state-funded public works projects; project level claims analysis, claim preservation and avoidance counseling; complex construction claims litigation; and contract dispute resolution. He provides legal and legislative consultation on issues affecting the heavy civil construction industry.

About Mike Decker

Mike Decker concentrates his practice in the areas of construction and construction litigation and business and business litigation. He represents and counsels construction companies and contractors on all aspects of both public and private projects, from inception to completion. Decker has substantial experience drafting and negotiating contracts,

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subcontracts, and other agreements and prosecuting and defending performance, payment, and delay related claims on behalf of construction companies and contractors, as well as owners and sureties. He also has substantial experience prosecuting and defending claims concerning the Miss Dig Act and violations of the Miss Dig Act on behalf of construction companies and contractors. He has prosecuted and defended such claims before state and federal courts, state and public agencies, and arbitration and mediation panels.

About Louis Ronayne

Louis Ronayne focuses his practice primarily in the areas of commercial and appellate litigation. He is a former judicial law clerk for Michigan Supreme Court Justice Brian K. Zahra and research attorney for the Michigan Court of Appeals.

About Jim Urban

Jim Urban is the managing shareholder of Butzel's Lansing Office and manager of the firm's State Capitol Practice Group.

He has concentrated his practice in the representation of infrastructure contractors and their trade associations for more than 30 years. He has extensive experience representing infrastructure contractors in the public and private sectors in a wide variety of challenges facing those contractors ranging from being part of contractor bidding teams, to claims recognition, claims avoidance and claims development during the construction process, claims prosecution in the administrative process and in the state and federal courts and arbitration, competitive bidding disputes, Federal False Claims Act investigations, construction liens, surety matters and performance and payment bond claims on state, municipal and federal projects, public utility disputes and contract drafting and negotiation. Urban also has served as an arbitrator and as a mediator in construction disputes on both public and private projects.