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Butzel attorneys featured during the 2024 AILA Michigan Immigration Conference on May 10

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DETROIT, Mich. – **Butzel** attorneys **Bushra A. Malik** and **Reginald A. Pacis** will be guest speakers during the 2024 American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) Michigan Conference on May 10 in Southfield.

Malik will participate in a panel program titled, “Consular Practice: Stateside Visa Processing Updates, Latest Issues and Practice Trends.” Pacis will be featured during a panel discussion titled, “Getting Started in Immigration Law: New Attorney and Law Student Recruitment, Basic Skills and Networking.”

About Bushra A. Malik

Bushra Malik practices in the area of immigration law, focusing on the representation of multinational and domestic clients' inbound and global migration needs. Her experience includes Employment based (Extraordinary Ability, Outstanding Researcher, Multinational Manager, and PERMs) and Family based Permanent Residence Petitions Non-Immigrant Petitions (H-1B/Specialty Occupation, J-1/ Exchange Visitor, L-1/ Intracompany Transfers, O-1/Extraordinary Ability, TN/ NAFTA); Employer Compliance (I-9 Audits and H-1B Public Access File Audits); J-1 waivers; Compliance under the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI); U.S. Passports; complex naturalization matters; and currency seizures.

She has extensive experience in securing work and residence permits for numerous countries around the globe. Malik also routinely represents clients at U.S. Ports of Entry, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services District Office, U.S. Embassies and Consulates abroad, as well as various Foreign Embassies and Consulates.

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Malik was named "Lawyer of the Year" (2022) and is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* (Immigration Law), was named one of *DBusiness* magazine's Top Lawyers in the field of immigration law and is recognized as a *Who's Who Legal Thought Leader* for Corporate Immigration 2021.

She is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), the American Bar Association, the South Asian Bar Association, the Michigan Muslim Bar Association, and the Japanese Business Society of Detroit. Malik is currently serving on the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) Department of State National Liaison Committee. She previously served as chair of the AILA Michigan Chapter; on the AILA Board of Governors; chair of AILA's Global Migration Section; and speaks regularly at AILA national and international conferences. Malik speaks Hindi, Japanese and Urdu.

About Reginald A. Pacis

Reginald Pacis concentrates his practice in immigration law and has handled a variety of matters including H-1B specialty occupation cases, L-1 Intracompany transfers, Labor Certification matters, Immigrant Visa Petitions/ Adjustment of Status applications and interviews, TN Free trade cases, H-1B Department of Labor Investigations, I-9 employer verification compliance, and U.S. Port of Entry airport and land port interviews.

He is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* and Michigan's *Super Lawyers* (Immigration Law). He was recognized as "Lawyer of the Year" in Immigration Law in 2013 and again in 2023 by *Best Lawyers* and he continues to maintain an AV rating in the Martindale Hubbell publication.

Pacis is a member of the American Bar Association, the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), and the Samahang Pilipino Ng Oakland Filipino organization. He served two consecutive terms from 2003 to 2004 and 2004 to 2005 as Chairperson of the Michigan Chapter of AILA and was a member of the AILA National Board of Governors for those terms. He previously served as Secretary (2001 to 2003) and Membership Chairperson of the Michigan Chapter of AILA (1998 to 2003).

He completed an appointment by former Michigan Governor Granholm for service on the Advisory Committee for Asian Pacific American Affairs (ACAPAA). He served on the Michigan AILA Advocacy Committee from 2007 to 2010. He was appointed by former Governor Snyder to serve on the Michigan Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission (MAPAAC) for a four-year term from 2019 to 2022. Pacis previously served as Chairperson of the Michigan AILA Committee responsible for liaison with the Michigan Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Agency, a division of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security presiding over inspections and security of the U.S. border, from 2005 to 2007. His service expanded to the AILA National CBP liaison Committee as a member, Vice Chair and Chairperson of the AILA National CBP liaison Committee. He also served as Vice Chair on the AILA United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Field Operations Liaison committee, the AILA education "Distance Learning" committee, the USCIS/ AILA Nebraska Service Center Liaison committee, and on the USCIS/ AILA National Benefits Center liaison committee.