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## Butzel immigration law attorney interviewed on GlobalAutoIndustry.com audio interview series

### Firm News

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DETROIT, Mich. – **Butzel** immigration law attorney **Reginald A. Pacis**, was recently interviewed on the GlobalAutoIndustry.com audio interview series. The topic for the interview: “U.S. Business Immigration: COVID’s Current Effect on Companies and Employees.”

Pacis referenced how the pandemic has significantly impacted immigration matters including:

- A slower pace of processing paperwork,
- Interview postponements,
- Providing proof of vaccinations (when applying for green cards for employment sponsorship),
- Issues arising when traveling internationally (such as meeting COVID testing protocols and quarantines),
- Working remotely (when an employee doesn’t live in the state or country of the employer and the requirement to adjust the prevailing wage based on the geographical location’s cost of living) and,
- The immigration process has become even more challenging to get foreign nationals to fill labor shortage gaps in the U.S.

Pacis focuses his practice in immigration law and has handled a variety of immigration 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.

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In 2021, Pacis was appointed a trustee to the Michigan Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission (MAPAAC), which helps address the needs and concerns of the Asian Pacific American (APA) communities in Michigan. Previously, he was a commissioner to the MAPAAC.

Pacis was named Immigration Lawyer of the Year 2013 in the field of Immigration Law by *The Best Lawyers in America* and has been listed in *Best Lawyers* for several years.

He 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 one-year terms from 2003 to 2005 as Chairperson of the Michigan Chapter of AILA and was a member of the AILA National Board of Governors for those terms.

Pacis also served as Vice-Chair (2008 to 2009) and later Chair (2009-2010) of U.S. Customs and Border Protection AILA liaison committee; Vice-Chair (2013 to 2014) of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Field Operations AILA liaison committee; Member (2014 to 2015) of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services National Benefits Center AILA liaison committee; and has served as a Member (2015) and later Chair (2016) of the AILA Election committee. He has presented in a number of AILA Annual Conferences Nationally and Internationally from 2004 to 2019.

Moreover, Pacis is a vice president and Board Member of the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit. He also is a speaker in demand on immigration law matters.