PRESS RELEASES

Five Benesch Attorneys Named “Lawyer of the Year” by 2014 Best Lawyers in America©

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Benesch is pleased to announce that five attorneys were recognized as Best Lawyers© 2014 “Lawyer of the Year”, a distinction given annually to a single outstanding lawyer in each practice area and designated metropolitan area.

Best Lawyers designates “Lawyer(s) of the Year” in high-profile legal specialties in large legal communities. Only a single lawyer in each specialty in each community is being honored as the “Lawyer of the Year.” Best Lawyers© compiles its lists of outstanding attorneys by conducting peer-review surveys in which thousands of leading lawyers confidentially evaluate their professional peers.

Those named to the list are:

Orla (Chip) E. Collier III, Administrative/Regulatory Law - Columbus

N. Victor Goodman, Labor Law - Union - Columbus

Douglas E. Haas, Securities Regulation - Cleveland

Barry J. Miller, Litigation - Construction - Cleveland

Judy L. Woods, Professional Malpractice Law - Defendants - Indianapolis

Mr. Collier focuses his practice on public utility law, public law and governmental regulation, energy and environmental law, administrative law and regulatory compliance, eminent domain disputes, annexation proceedings, construction contract and vendor disputes and business litigation. Mr. Collier principally represents counties, municipalities, regional water and sewer districts and private companies in public utility regulatory and environmental compliance matters and related litigation. He regularly appears before the state and federal courts and a variety of administrative boards and agencies of the State of Ohio.

Mr. Goodman focuses his practice on administrative and governmental law, including appeals and civil rights, and the representation of organizations before the Legislative and Executive branches of state government. He also handles labor and employment matters.

Mr. Haas is a partner with the firm's Corporate & Securities Practice Group and the Commercial Finance & Banking Practice Group. He is also a member of the Private Equity Group and the Corporate Compliance & Regulatory Enforcement Group and a member of the firm's China Practice, which assists clients with China-related transactions and business matters.

Mr. Miller focuses his practice on construction law, both public and private, real estate law, and commercial litigation. He has extensive experience in representing owners, general contractors,

public agencies, architects, engineers, design professionals and sureties in a wide variety of construction dispute-related matters and post occupancy performance failures. Mr. Miller also serves as Project Counsel on large complex capital improvement projects by providing guidance on construction delivery methodologies, contracts and construction disputes. This is the second consecutive year that Mr. Miller has received the Lawyer of the Year distinction.

Ms. Woods is a partner with the firm's Litigation Practice Group. She focuses her practice on complex commercial and "bet the company" litigation, including antitrust, class actions, shareholder and corporate governance disputes, international contracts, finance disputes, fraud, RICO and other business disputes. Ms. Woods has represented numerous corporate officers, directors, employees, attorneys and accountants in these types of disputes in federal and state courts. Ms. Woods also represents several financial institutions and life/health insurance companies in complex litigation, involving acquisitions and sales of financial or insurance companies or insurance company holding companies, ERISA matters, alleged securities or other violations related to the sale of annuities, debentures or other securities, and liquidation of financial institutions/insurance companies, holding companies, broker/dealers and accounting firms in connection with these types of matters.

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