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36 Marshall, Gerstein & Borun LLP Attorneys Named by Peers to Lists of Top Lawyers in Illinois

Chicago (Jan. 11, 2016) — Law Bulletin Publishing Company and its Leading Lawyers division today announced that 36 attorneys at the intellectual property law firm of Marshall, Gerstein & Borun LLP are named by their peers across Illinois to its lists of the top lawyers licensed to practice in the state.

A total of 22 of the firm's attorneys are Leading Lawyers, a distinction earned by fewer than 5 percent of all lawyers registered to practice in Illinois. And 14 attorneys qualify as Emerging Lawyers, a distinction earned by newer lawyers that is limited to fewer than 2 percent of all Illinois-licensed lawyers.

Law Bulletin Publishing Company, through its Leading Lawyers division, conducted an extensive statewide survey of Illinois lawyers asking: "If you couldn't take a case in your area of law, to whom would you refer a family member or friend?" Only those lawyers who were most often recommended by their peers in one of 105 areas of law and approved by Leading Lawyers' 400-member Advisory Board achieved the distinction of being a Leading Lawyer. Lawyers could not nominate themselves or any lawyers at their own firm. Also, the rigorous research methodology eliminated the possibility of lawyers being selected through a popularity contest.

"This is an exceptionally strong list of the state's top lawyers," said Scott Anderson, director of Leading Lawyers and publisher of *Leading Lawyers Magazine*. Anderson added that Marshall, Gerstein & Borun LLP and its clients should be proud that the firm has 22 Leading Lawyers and 14 Emerging Lawyers. "These are indeed exclusive honors received by only a few out of every hundred Illinois lawyers."

Partners **Richard H. Anderson** and **Robert M. Gerstein** have again been named Leading Lawyers; they continue to serve on the organization's distinguished Advisory Board which helps vet the list. Only those lawyers who were the very most often recommended by their peers in the survey are invited to serve on the Advisory Board. They are essentially the best of the best. This is the 13th consecutive year Anderson and Gerstein have been named Leading Lawyers. Gerstein also appears on the Leading Lawyers list of the Top 250 Business Lawyers in Illinois.

Other Leading Lawyers named again to this year's list are **Gregory J. Chinlund**, <u>Pamela L. Cox</u>, <u>Thomas L. Duston</u>, Kevin M. Flowers, David A. Gass, Roger A. Heppermann, Kevin D. Hogg, Marsha K. Hoover, Jeremy R. Kriegel, Richard M. LaBarge, William K. Merkel, James J. Napoli, <u>Li-Hsien Rin-Laures MD</u>, Thomas J. Ring, Thomas I. Ross, <u>Donald W. Rupert</u>, <u>Jeffrey S. Sharp</u> and <u>James P. Zeller</u>. Dr. Rin-Laures currently appears in two Illinois Leading Lawyers' lists: the Top 100 Women Business Lawyers and the Top 10 Women Intellectual Property Lawyers.

Two new Leading Lawyers from Marshall, Gerstein & Borun LLP appear in the 2016 list: **Maureen Beacom Gorman** and **Paul B. Stephens**.

The firm's 14 Emerging Lawyers — all of whom are younger than 40 or have practiced law for 10 years or less — are Amanda K. Antons, Kimberly L. Berkowski, Eric M. Brusca, Matthew R. Carey, Michael A. Chinlund, Shelley C. Danek, Michael P. Furmanek, Anthony S. Gabrielson, Julianne M. Hartzell, Benjamin T. Horton, Heather R. Kissing, John R. Labbé, Aaron M. Peters and Jeremy D. Protas. Unlike Leading Lawyers who are determined primarily by surveys of lawyers generally, Emerging Lawyers are nominated exclusively by a state's Leading Lawyers.

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