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### **CORE COMPLETES DESIGN ON TWO NEW OFFICES FOR HAHN LOESER + PARKS LLP**

#### ***Prestigious Firm Moves Ahead With Unique Designs for Columbus & Akron***

[Washington, DC, October 29, 2004] – Hahn Loeser + Parks LLP, a leading full-service law firm announced today the completion of its new offices designed by **CORE architecture + design**, a nationally recognized firm located in Washington DC. Hahn Loeser's new offices in Columbus, and Akron, Ohio were designed to simultaneously distinguish the unique qualities of each location, and to expand the firm's position as a leading law firm offering a full range of legal counsel.

"Each of our new offices offers distinctly different experiences that reflect the city, the practice and the clients of that area. What is common to each is the affirmation of Hahn Loeser's commitment to serving our clients; and in growing our locations, we grow with our clients to meet their business needs. We are extremely pleased with CORE's work and can already see the benefits of a fresh perspective brought as a result of the new surroundings," says Hahn Loeser CEO and Managing Partner Stephen J. Knerly, Jr. The firm has a longstanding relationship with CORE and the design firm's Design Principal, Peter F. Hapstak, AIA, IIDA.

"Hahn Loeser is a firm with a global vision – they look forward into the practice to see where the firm is going and they understand the value of good design as a part of their strategic plan. We brought workplace solutions and good design to each site; in some cases, what we've designed may be seen as risky, but to Hahn Loeser, our designs were very logical to their master plan," describes Hapstak. "In each new office, there are undefined spaces that flow together to be more user-friendly. This type of plan fosters better communication through all members of the firm. It all works together," he added.

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To begin the design process for both offices, CORE collaborated with the staff of each location to determine a program that would adequately assess the needs of the Partners, the staff and Hahn Loeser's clients. In Akron, Hahn Loeser moved from a smaller, historic suburban location where they'd been since 1985 to a technologically advanced, 20,000 square foot location with spectacular views of downtown. In Columbus, the firm moved to another downtown location of approximately 20,000 square feet. The moves meant a full workplace analysis and rethinking of offices and support areas to transition the firm comfortably into the new spaces. CORE developed the designs and plans for the two new sites using Hahn Loeser's Cleveland office, a site which set the tone and benchmark for design with classic lines, and a timeless palette.

As Hahn Loeser's lead office on intellectual property, patent, trademark and copyright law, Hahn Loeser's Akron office was aptly located in the heart of the mid-West's center for invention, discovery and patent history. The firm sought to maximize the efficiency of the office and develop universal office sizes for top work production. CORE's solution was to streamline the work and multi-tasking areas for all aspects of the firm's team and create a space that was inviting, provocative and bold, with clear views and an open, collaborative environment. The end result is a space in which every area is utilized to function for the firm and many rooms and areas are designed for multi-purpose use. From the file rooms to the common areas, the design maximizes efficiency with an effective and clean use of space and materials.

The notable location of Columbus offered a regional identity to be reflected in the design, and the office location high above the Capital Dome also offered the opportunity for dramatic vistas. Designed as a clear, open space with 360-degree views of the city, the new offices were designed with classical proportions, clean detailing, warm wood and textured finishes of marble, rosewood and leather, with a clear emphasis on showcasing the firm's significant collection of fine art. At times feeling more like a gallery than a law firm, the layout of the Columbus office guides guests, clients and staff to services, while each view provides a memorable experience, a goal of the firm's offices.

CORE's design solution was inspired by the region's rich history of innovation, invention and industry, with the overall design theme reflective of the juxtaposition of traditional and modern influences. Materials typical of a law practice such as refined wood and polished stone are blended with glass, raw

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steel, finished metals, colored Panelite and an open ceiling. Similarly, the furnishings, LED lighting fixtures and accent pieces provide a decidedly modern feel to the public spaces, where visitors and staff alike can enjoy the firm's expansive collection of artwork and vistas overlooking downtown Akron. One of the Akron office's most interesting elements is the conference room, where there is glass lighting and a glass table all enclosed within a glass room, complete with glass ceiling, emphasizing the theme of transparency of the firm's practice and openness in working with clients.

CORE's Design Team included Peter F. Hapstak III, AIA, IIDA, ISP, and Design Principal of the firm; Kathleen Claire Ngiam, Senior Designer; and Bo Kim, Project Architect. General contracting was provided by Infinity Construction of Warrensville Heights, Ohio, as specialized construction methods and craftsmanship were a must for the execution of the intricate and non-traditional design elements.

With an established and growing award-winning portfolio in architecture, interiors, retail and restaurant design, CORE architecture + design marks 13 years of design innovation and national recognition. Led by founding principals Peter F. Hapstak, AIA, IIDA, ISP and Dale A. Stewart, AIA, CORE has achieved a reputation for the ability to combine superb design with an outstanding understanding to a client's business requirements. Located in Washington, DC, the firm has completed notable projects across the country and the greater Washington, DC region. To learn more of CORE's success story, visit [www.coredc.com](http://www.coredc.com)

Established in 1920, Hahn Loeser + Parks LLP is a full-service law firm of 100 attorneys with offices in Columbus, Cleveland, and Akron, Ohio; and South Florida. More information on the firm is available by visiting [www.hahnlaw.com](http://www.hahnlaw.com)

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