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Blake and Lucci Named Co-Chairs of Hahn Loeser's Corporate Transactions Group

September 22, 2015 — Cleveland, OH — Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP is pleased to announce that [Christopher S.W. Blake](#) and [John Paul Lucci](#) have been named co-chairs of the firm's Corporate Transactions Group effective immediately. Both Mr. Blake and Mr. Lucci are partners in the firm's Business Practice Area. In addition to his new position, Mr. Blake currently serves as co-chair of Hahn Loeser's International Practice Group.

"The firm is committed to providing meaningful opportunities for our next generation of leaders to develop and grow. Mr. Blake and Mr. Lucci bring their strong skills as lawyers and fresh perspectives to a critical leadership position within the firm," said [Stanley R. Gorom III](#), a member of the Hahn Loeser's board of directors and Administrative Chair of the firm's Business Practice Area.

Mr. Blake counsels public and private companies on general corporate matters, domestic and international mergers and acquisitions and financing transactions. He also regularly acts as outside general counsel to middle market, privately-held companies, with particular experience advising such companies in the manufacturing, textiles, food & beverage and gaming sectors.

In addition to his professional activities, Mr. Blake serves on the board and as the Vice President of Strategic Planning for the Cleveland International Film Festival, as well as serving on the board and as the Vice Chair-Development for the Cleveland Council on World Affairs. Mr. Blake received his J.D., *summa cum laude*, from the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in 1999. From the University of Missouri, he received his M.A. in Spanish in 1994, and B.J. in Journalism and B.A. in Spanish in 1992.

Mr. Lucci focuses his legal practice in mergers and acquisitions, private equity and general corporate law, having acted as outside counsel on scores of completed M&A and private equity transactions throughout the United States and worldwide. He has represented clients in leveraged buyout transactions and venture capital financings. He has also served as general counsel to private equity portfolio companies and represented closely-held family businesses in numerous successful exits and other transactions. In addition to his corporate expertise, Mr. Lucci has developed a gaming and regulatory practice, having served as onsite counsel to a publicly-traded gaming company, during which time he supervised a diverse litigation portfolio, managed counsel and legal costs and negotiated commercial and gaming contracts.

Mr. Lucci has served on the board of the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes since 2011. He received his J.D., Order of the Coif, *magna cum laude*, from the Case Western Reserve University School of Law in 2003, and his M.A. in political science, *with honors*, and B.A., Phi Beta Kappa, *summa cum laude*, in political science and history, both from Case Western Reserve University in 1997.

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