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Hahn Loeser Attorney Theodore L. Tripp, Jr. Elected as American Bar Foundation Fellow

May 14, 2010 — Southwest Florida – Theodore L. Tripp, Jr., a partner in the Fort Myers office of Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP, was recently elected as a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. Membership in the Fellows is limited to one third of one percent of lawyers licensed to practice in each jurisdiction.

Established in 1955, the Fellows is an honorary organization of attorneys, judges, law faculty, and legal scholars who support the research of the American Bar Foundation through their annual contributions and sponsor seminars and events of direct relevance to leaders of the legal profession. The Fellows have demonstrated outstanding achievements and dedication to the welfare of their communities and to the highest principles of the legal profession. Members are nominated by Fellows in their jurisdiction and elected by the Board of the American Bar Foundation.

Mr. Tripp specializes in complex commercial and civil litigation, having devoted the primary emphasis of his practice to the trial of complex civil lawsuits in both state and federal courts since 1976. His trial experience includes acting as lead trial counsel in commercial litigation, land use disputes, and the representation of landowners, municipal and county governments in multi-million dollar litigation. In addition to commercial litigation, Mr. Tripp has litigated professional negligence actions and personal injury matters in both jury and non-jury trials, and has provided representation to banking institutions, developers, contractors, and private individuals in both the trial and appellate review of complex civil disputes.

Mr. Tripp has earned certification by the National Board of Trial Advocacy as a Civil Trial Advocate, and an AV rating from the Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, its highest available rating for legal ability and professional ethics. Mr. Tripp is listed in *Who's Who in American Law*, the 2010 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for Bet-the-Company Litigation and Commercial Litigation, the 2010 list of "FIVE STAR: Best in Client Satisfaction Wealth Managers," the 2009 edition of Florida's "Legal Elite," by *Florida Trend* magazine, and the 2009 edition of *Florida Super Lawyers*.

Mr. Tripp was also recently appointed as a member of the Grievance Committee for the Fort Myers Division of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida; he will serve a three-year term lasting until October 15, 2012.

Mr. Tripp's community involvement includes various roles in service to the Lee County Legal Aid Society, the Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc., and the Diocese of Southwest Florida, among others. He earned his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Florida State University in 1976, and his B.S. from Florida State University in 1972.

This year marks the 90th anniversary of Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP. Established in 1920, Hahn Loeser is a full-service law firm of more than 125 attorneys with offices in Cleveland, Columbus, and Akron, Ohio; Naples and Fort Myers, Florida; and Indianapolis, Indiana. More information on the firm, and our 90th anniversary, can be found at www.hahnlaw.com.

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