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Hahn Loeser Attorney Stephen E. Chappellear Named President of the National Conference of Bar Foundations

October 21, 2011 — Columbus, OH — Stephen E. Chappellear, a partner with the Columbus office of Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP, is the new president of the National Conference of Bar Foundations (NCBF), announced Lawrence E. Oscar, CEO and managing partner of the firm. The NCBF serves more than 200 local, state and specialty bar foundations throughout the country with a mission to improve the administration of justice and the court system as the philanthropic organizations for the legal profession and the judiciary.

Mr. Chappellear was also recently named the 2012 Columbus Lawyer of the Year in Construction Litigation by *The Best Lawyers in America*[®], as well as designated by the Ohio State Bar Foundation to receive the Ritter Award, its lifetime achievement award and highest honor.

Mr. Chappellear's legal career has focused primarily on the areas of business and complex commercial litigation, construction law, patent and trademark litigation, employment litigation, probate litigation, dispute resolution and appeals. He has over 34 years of experience in more than 60 trials (both jury and non-jury), and is a frequent author and speaker on a wide range of legal issues. He served as managing partner of the firm's Columbus office from 2004-2010.

Mr. Chappellear is listed in Best Lawyers' 2007-12 editions in the categories of Commercial Litigation, Intellectual Property Litigation, Labor & Employment Litigation, and Trusts & Estates Litigation, and in its 2004-06 editions in the category of Business Litigation. He appears in the 2004-11 editions of *Ohio Super Lawyers* (in 2009, with the additional distinction of being named one of the Top 100 Ohio Super Lawyers), and is ranked in General Commercial Litigation in the 2010-11 editions of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*. He is AV Rated by Martindale-Hubbell, its highest available rating for legal ability and professional ethics, and a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum.

Mr. Chappellear is a member of the National Council of the OSU Moritz College of Law. He recently completed a two-year term as chair of the Litigation Section of the Ohio State Bar Association, and is the immediate past chair of the Trial Techniques Committee of the American Bar Association Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section. He is past president of the Ohio State Bar Foundation, the Ohio State Bar Association, the Columbus Bar Association, the Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer American Inn of Court, and the National Metropolitan Bar Caucus. He is the president of the OSU Moritz College of Law Alumni Association and the Secretary of the OSU Men's Varsity "O" Alumni Association.

Mr. Chappellear is admitted to practice in Ohio and before the U.S. District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Ohio, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, the U.S. Tax Court and the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

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