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Hahn Loeser's Stephen H. Gariepy Named Distinguished Estate Planner of the Year by the Estate Planning Council of Cleveland

June 5, 2009 — Cleveland, OH – Stephen H. Gariepy was recently named Distinguished Estate Planner of the Year by the Estate Planning Council of Cleveland, it was announced by Lawrence E. Oscar, CEO and Managing Partner of the firm.

"Steve is an attorney who consistently goes above and beyond to serve both his clients as well as the legal community as a whole. He is a leader in his field and an asset to those he serves in the Cleveland community, and we can think of no one more deserving of this kind of recognition," said Oscar.

The Estate Planning Council of Cleveland selects its Distinguished Estate Planner of the Year based on outstanding achievement in the estate planning field.

Steve is co-chair of Hahn Loeser's Estate Planning, Wealth Transfer and Preservation practice. He is an OSBA board certified specialist in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law, a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC), and a software consultant for BNA Estate & Gift Tax Planner.

He has also chaired the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association's Estate Planning Institute and served as president of the Estate Planning Council of Cleveland.

Steve's community involvements include serving as a trustee of the Great Lakes Theater Festival, where he has been active in the successful campaign for the renovation of the historic Hanna Theatre into a world-class performance space. He has also chaired the Cleveland Museum of Art's Planned Giving Council and continues on its executive committee.

He earned his J.D., *cum laude*, from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, and his B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Case Western Reserve University. Steve is a frequent author and presenter on estate planning topics.

Steve's other accolades include being listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for Trusts and Estates and named an Ohio Super Lawyer by *Law & Politics* magazine.

Established in 1920, Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP is a full-service law firm of more than 120 attorneys with offices in Cleveland, Columbus, and Akron, Ohio; and Naples and Fort Myers, Florida. More information on the firm can be found at www.hahnlaw.com.

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