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**M. Patricia Culler Named “Lawyer of the Year” in Cleveland for Litigation - Trusts & Estates  
in 2014 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America***

August 19, 2013 --- Cleveland, OH --- Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP is pleased to announce that M. Patricia Culler has been named “Lawyer of the Year” in the Category of Litigation – Trusts & Estates for Cleveland in the 2014 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup>.

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[Ms. Culler](#) focuses her practice in the areas of estate planning, trust and probate law, and includes all aspects of trusts and estates, including sophisticated planning and drafting tax preparation and representation before the IRS and trust and estate administration.

In addition to Best Lawyers, Ms. Culler is also recognized in the most recent edition of *Ohio Super Lawyers* as one of the Top 50 Women Super Lawyers in Ohio; she has been listed in *Ohio Super Lawyers* for Trusts & Estates every year since the publications’ inception. Additionally, she is AV<sup>®</sup> Preeminent<sup>™</sup> Rated by Martindale-Hubbell, its highest available rating for legal ability and professional ethics.

Ms. Culler is an active leader within the Greater Cleveland community. She is a Regent of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC), and is the immediate past ACTEC State Chair for Ohio. She is a frequent speaker at national, state and local continuing legal education seminars, and she has taught Federal Wealth Transfer Tax law at the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. Ms. Culler received her J.D. from Cleveland-Marshall School of Law in 1984, and her B.A., *summa cum laude*, from the University of Notre Dame in 1976.

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