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Hahn Loeser Attorney Stephen H. Gariepy Named Lawyer of the Year by *The Best Lawyers in America*[®]

December 20, 2010 — Cleveland, OH — Stephen H. Gariepy, a partner with Cleveland-based law firm Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP, has been named the 2011 Cleveland Trusts and Estates Lawyer of the Year by *The Best Lawyers in America*[®], announced Lawrence E. Oscar, CEO and Managing Partner of the firm. Only a single lawyer in each high-profile specialty in each large legal community is honored as Lawyer of the Year. Mr. Gariepy is the first Cleveland-area attorney to receive this award.

Co-chair of Hahn Loeser's Estate Planning, Wealth Transfer and Preservation practice, Mr. Gariepy is board certified by the Ohio State Bar Association as a specialist in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law. He is 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 served as chair of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association's Estate Planning Institute and served as president of the Estate Planning Council of Cleveland.

Mr. Gariepy's community involvements include his service as a Trustee of the Great Lakes Theater Festival - for which he actively campaigned for the successful renovation of the historic Hanna Theatre into a world-class performance space - and as a board member of the Cleveland International Piano Competition. He has also chaired the Cleveland Museum of Art's Planned Giving Council and continues to serve on its executive committee.

Mr. Gariepy 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. He is admitted to practice in Ohio, Florida, and Arizona, and is a frequent author and presenter on estate planning topics.

Mr. Gariepy was named the 2009 Distinguished Estate Planner of the Year by the Estate Planning Council of Cleveland, and has been listed for Trusts and Estates in *The Best Lawyers in America*[®] and *Ohio Super Lawyers*.

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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