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### **Juan D. Bendeck and Eric B. Levasseur Join Partnership at Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP**

January 25, 2011 — Cleveland, OH — Juan D. Bendeck and Eric B. Levasseur have joined the partnership at Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP, announced Lawrence E. Oscar, Managing Partner and CEO of the firm. Mr. Bendeck was formerly Of Counsel with the firm and practices out of Hahn Loeser's Naples office. Mr. Levasseur was formerly an Associate with the firm and practices out of Hahn Loeser's Cleveland office.

Mr. Bendeck focuses his practice in estate planning, estate administration and asset protection planning. He assists clients in the formulation and drafting of tax-efficient estate plans, lessening estate and gift tax liability, and the administration of complex wills and trusts. Mr. Bendeck also assists clients in the creation of corporations and limited liability companies. In the Southwest Florida community, he serves as the current acting vice chair of the Republican Hispanic Assembly of Collier County, a member of both the Naples and Southwest Florida Chambers of Commerce, and an active supporter of Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida in connection with their charitable endeavors. Mr. Bendeck has been highlighted as one of the most influential rising business stars in the Southwest Florida community, in *Gulfshore Business* magazine's "40 Under 40." He earned his L.L.M. in Taxation from the University of Florida Graduate Tax Program in 1997, his J.D. (with High Honors, Order of the Coif) from the University of Florida College of Law in 1995, and a B.S. in Economics (with Highest Honors) from the University of Florida in 1992.

Mr. Levasseur has significant experience in a broad scope of commercial litigation matters at the trial and appellate levels, including breach of contract and negligence claims, business torts, product liability, and commercial and securities fraud, among others. He also frequently represents franchisors in disputes involving franchise termination, trademark infringement, and enforcement of non-competition covenants. As a member of Hahn Loeser's HL Construction Law Practice Group, Mr. Levasseur represents owners, general contractors, subcontractors and material suppliers in a variety of construction disputes in state and federal courts and AAA arbitrations, including considerable handling of mechanic's lien and bond claims, and public and private projects. In 2011, Mr. Levasseur was named to the list of "Ohio Rising Stars" by *Ohio Super Lawyers*. He earned his J.D. from the Case Western Reserve University School of Law in 2002, and a B.A. from Colgate University in 1999.

Established in 1920, Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP 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 can be found at [www.hahnlaw.com](http://www.hahnlaw.com).

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