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Hahn Loeser Attorney M. Patricia Culler Named Recipient of Estate Planning Council of Cleveland’s 2010 Distinguished Estate Planner Award

May 13, 2010 — Cleveland, OH – M. Patricia Culler, a partner with Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP, was recently named the recipient of the Estate Planning Council of Cleveland’s 2010 Distinguished Estate Planner Award, it was announced by Lawrence E. Oscar, CEO and Managing Partner of the firm.

“Patricia is a top practitioner, and it’s wonderful to see her recognized by her peers for her exceptional work and her contributions to the betterment of the profession,” said Mr. Oscar.

The Estate Planning Council of Cleveland grants the annual Distinguished Estate Planner Award based on outstanding achievement in the estate planning field. Ms. Culler will be officially recognized by the Council at its annual meeting, which takes place this year on Tuesday, June 8th.

Ms. Culler has been an estate planner for more than 25 years. Board certified by the Ohio State Bar Association as a specialist in estate planning, trust and probate law, her practice includes sophisticated planning and drafting for high wealth families and small business owners, tax preparation and representation before the IRS, fiduciary litigation and trust and estate administration.

She was elected in March 2010 as a Regent of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC), and has been an active member of the Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Sections of the Ohio State Bar Association and the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association. She has also served as a member of the OSBA’s Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law Specialization Board. Ms. Culler is a frequent speaker at national, state and local continuing legal education seminars and is the author of several articles on estate planning subjects. She has also taught the course on Federal Wealth Transfer Tax at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. Ms. Culler has served as a member of several non-profit boards and was instrumental in bringing about the consolidation of two local affiliates of the National Alliance on Mental Illness to form NAMI Greater Cleveland in 2005.

Among her professional recognitions, Ms. Culler is listed in the 2003-10 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America* in the category of Trust and Estates, and has been listed in *Ohio Super Lawyers* every year since the award’s inception. She is also the recipient of an AV[®] rating by Martindale-Hubbell, its highest available rating for legal ability and professional ethics.

Ms. Culler earned her J.D., *summa cum laude*, from the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in 1984, her M.A., *magna cum laude*, from the University of Iowa in 1978, and a B.A., *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, from the University of Notre Dame in 1976. Ms. Culler is admitted to practice in Ohio and before the U.S. Tax Court.

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.