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### **Knerly Elected to Society of Benchers at Case Western Reserve University's School of Law**

September 22, 2009 — Cleveland, OH – Stephen J. Knerly, Jr. (Josh), a partner in the Cleveland office of Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP, was recently elected to the Society of Benchers at Case Western Reserve University's School of Law. Mr. Knerly was formally inducted at the Society's Annual Meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

"It is a high honor to be elected into the Society of Benchers," said Lawrence E. Oscar, Managing Partner and CEO of the firm. "We are very pleased to see Josh has been recognized by the Society for his many contributions to the legal field."

The Society of Benchers is an honorary society for graduates and associates of Case Western Reserve University's School of Law. Mr. Knerly formerly served as Hahn Loeser's CEO and Managing Partner for 15 years (1993-2008). He has returned full-time to his practice in closely-held and family-owned businesses, international transactions, nonprofit corporate law and art law.

In addition to his business practice, Mr. Knerly represents art museums and collectors in the acquisition and disposition of and estate planning for works of art. A frequent speaker and writer on art-related matters, in June, he was an invited speaker on the topic of Nazi-era looted art on behalf of the Association of Art Museum Directors at the Holocaust Era Assets conference in Prague. The Conference hosted 49 countries and 17 Non-Governmental Organizations to review progress on the restitution of assets taken during the Holocaust.

Among his accomplishments, he was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* from 2007-2010 for Nonprofit/Charities Law. Mr. Knerly is also AV<sup>®</sup> Rated by Martindale-Hubbell, its highest available rating for legal ability and professional ethics. In addition to service on a number of nonprofit boards, Josh is also the honorary consul for France in Cleveland.

Mr. Knerly received his J.D. from the Case Western Reserve University School of Law in 1976, an A.M. from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in 1973, and an A.B. in History and French, *summa cum laude*, from Bowdoin College in 1972.

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