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Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP Elects Six Attorneys to Firm Partnership

CLEVELAND (Jan. 4, 2022) – Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP is pleased to announce [Jessica B. Beringer](#) (Cleveland), [Eugene E. Endress](#) (Chicago), [Joel W. Hyatt](#) (Fort Myers), [Sonja C. Rice](#) (Cleveland), [Joel S. Sonnenberg](#) (Cleveland) and [Andrew J. Wolf](#) (Cleveland) have been elected to the firm’s partnership effective January 1, 2022 based on their professional achievements, depth of legal experience and commitment to their clients.

“This is an extraordinarily talented group of attorneys and we are excited to welcome them into our partnership,” said [Stanley R. Gorom III](#), Hahn Loeser’s CEO and Managing Partner. “There are few more important moments in the life of any firm than when it makes decisions about who will become its future leaders. Having such a large and talented class of newly minted partners is a sign of real strength within our firm and a sure sign of a solid foundation for the future.”

Beringer has litigated a variety of disputes involving breach of contract, consumer fraud, antitrust, tort, false claims act, and intellectual property claims in state and federal courts. She was named among Best Lawyers® Ones to Watch in Commercial Litigation in 2022. Beringer earned her J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law in 2014 and a B.S. from the University of Virginia McIntire School of Commerce in 2008.

Endress focuses his practice on commercial and construction litigation, including breach of contract, fraud, business torts, trade secret, consumer class action, antitrust, bankruptcy, collections, commercial and equipment lease/loan enforcement and intellectual property. He has extensive experience with all phases of civil litigation, mediation and arbitration, and in counseling and advising clients regarding potential litigation matters. He has represented clients in the commercial banking, real estate finance, pharmaceuticals, construction, energy, food and beverage, furniture, fashion, technology, software, telecommunications, and media/entertainment industries. Endress has been named among Best Lawyers® Ones to Watch in Commercial Litigation in each of the last two years and was named a Rising Star by *Illinois Super Lawyers* four times. He earned his J.D. from Vanderbilt University Law School in 2011 and both a B.A. and B.S. from the University of Illinois in 2008.

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Hyatt focuses his practice on commercial, construction, real estate, labor and employment, and community association litigation. He works with local and national companies, community associations, and individuals to navigate through complex business and legal issues, including all manners of contract disputes, collections, construction liens, foreclosure, replevin, enforcement of non-competition agreements, interpretation and enforcement of governing documents, and title disputes. Hyatt was named among Best Lawyers in America® in 2022 for Commercial Litigation and was named a Rising Star by *Florida Super Lawyers* in consecutive years. He earned his J.D. from the University of Florida Levin College of Law, graduating *cum laude* in 2013. Hyatt earned a B.A. from Pennsylvania State University in 2004.

Rice counsels clients in commercial transactions and the development and negotiation of a wide variety of commercial contracts, including master services agreements, supply chain and manufacturing agreements, distributor and warehousing agreements, product development agreements, professional services contracts, intellectual property development and licensing agreements, and facilities management and real estate service outsourcing agreements. She is a member of Hahn Loeser's Construction Law Practice Group with significant experience in the development and negotiation of construction contracts at all levels and the resolution of construction-related disputes. Rice is a frequent speaker on a variety of topics and regularly leads seminars for clients, focusing on the negotiation of contract terms and conditions and construction project contracts. She earned a J.D. from Case Western Reserve University School of Law and a B.A. from Oberlin College.

Sonnenberg, a trained engineer, counsels clients on a wide range of intellectual property issues and has extensive experience researching patent, trademark, trade secret and copyright matters. Sonnenberg is a registered patent attorney well-versed in intellectual property procurement, enforcement, clearance, and agreements. A former project engineer and project manager in the construction industry, Sonnenberg worked with designers, engineers, and contractors on the smallest details of complex building components, including mechanical, electrical, civil, and structural systems. He is familiar with green design practices as he has been LEED® AP credentialed since 2008. With hands-on experience across numerous trades, Sonnenberg provides clients with approachable and uniquely qualified legal counsel. He has been named among Best Lawyers® Ones to Watch for Patent Law in each of the last two years and was named a Rising Star by *Ohio Super Lawyers* in 2018 and 2022. Sonnenberg earned his J.D. from Cleveland Marshall College of Law in 2013, graduating *cum laude*. He earned a B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Toledo in 2002.

Wolf counsels clients in all aspects of labor and employment law. He defends employers in employment-based litigation, including allegations of wrongful termination under state law, employment discrimination under state and federal law, allegations of violations of the Family and Medical Leave Act, and allegations of minimum wage and overtime violations under the Fair Labor Standards Act. Andrew assists employers with matters before the Department of Labor, National Labor Relations Board, Department of Education, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Ohio Civil Rights Commission,

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Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, Ohio Industrial Commission and Ohio State Employment Relations Board. Wolf has been named among Best Lawyers® Ones to Watch in both Labor and Employment Law – Management and Litigation – Labor and Employment in each of the last two years. He was also named a 2022 Rising Star by Ohio Super Lawyers. Wolf earned his J.D. from William and Mary Law School, graduating *cum laude* in 2013 and his B.A., from Case Western Reserve University, where he graduated summa cum laude in 2010.

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