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FIVE LENHART OBENSHAIN ATTORNEYS HONORED

Lenhart Obenshain is pleased to announce that five of its attorneys have been honored by designations from *2011 Super Lawyers*, a Thomson Reuters business. Three of Lenhart Obenshain's attorneys have been recognized for inclusion in the "*Virginia Super Lawyers*" list and two of its attorneys have been named to the "*Virginia Rising Stars*" list. The designation process is a multi-phased selection process that includes independent research, peer nominations and peer evaluations.

Many of Lenhart Obenshain's attorneys have also received recognition from *Best Lawyers in America*® (Copyright 2010 by Woodward/White, Inc. of Aiken, SC) and *Virginia Business* magazine's "Legal Elite."

Lynn K. Suter, managing partner of Lenhart Obenshain said, "While we appreciate the recognition received from these various publications, our greatest recognitions are those we receive from clients whose interests all of our attorneys and staff serve diligently every day."

The selected lawyers and the expertise for which they were recognized are:

JEFFREY G. LENHART (BUSINESS/CORPORATE) – Jeffrey Lenhart serves as general counsel to numerous closely held businesses and professional associations (including medical and dental practices, accounting firms and architectural practices). His practice also specializes in estate planning (with particular emphasis in representing family-owned businesses) and employee benefits, including creation of leveraged ESOPs. Mr. Lenhart also holds a master of laws degree in taxation.

MARK D. OBENSHAIN (BUSINESS LITIGATION) – Mark Obenshain advocates for business and individual clients in many different areas of law, but focuses on serving as lead counsel in complex litigation. He handles commercial and fiduciary disputes as well as trade secrets, trademark copyright, ERISA, and Title VII cases. He also handles will contests and other trusts and estate litigation and serious personal injury cases. Mr. Obenshain has extensive trial and alternative dispute resolution experience.

CATHLEEN P. WELSH (EMPLOYMENT & LABOR) – Cathy Welsh has concentrated her practice in employment law throughout her legal career. She has assisted businesses of all sizes from small closely held family businesses to clients with thousands of employees. She both counsels clients on best

practices to avoid employment law problems and advocates for them before state and federal administrative agencies and courts. She is a frequent public speaker to business and professional associations on labor and employment law topics.

PATRICK C. ASPLIN (VIRGINIA RISING STAR–BUSINESS/CORPORATE) – Patrick Asplin has a diverse business and commercial litigation practice with a particular emphasis on technology, e-commerce, intellectual property issues, and business disputes. Mr. Asplin both counsels clients on strategic business matters and represents them in litigation before federal and state courts, including the Virginia Supreme Court and dispute resolution proceedings.

JENNIFER E. SHIRKEY (VIRGINIA RISING STAR–TAX) – Jennifer Shirkey concentrates her practice in estate planning, employee benefits, tax and business law. On a daily basis, she assists families and individuals with their trust and estate needs. She also applies her technical legal expertise to give practical counsel and develop creative strategies for resolving employee benefit, tax and general business challenges.



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