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**LENHART OBENSHAIN ANNOUNCES THAT LYNN K. SUTER, ESQ.
HAS BEEN NAMED MANAGING PARTNER OF LENHART OBENSHAIN PC**

Lenhart Obenshain PC, a business and litigation law firm with fifteen attorneys and twenty-two staff members in its offices in Charlottesville and Harrisonburg, has announced that Lynn K. Suter has been named its Managing Partner for 2011. Suter's duties will include managing the firm's finances, administrative staff, facilities, and vendor relationships, all while maintaining her active business law practice, representing corporate and nonprofit clients, with an emphasis in capital formation for emerging growth companies. Suter joins a small number of current or former female managing partners of Virginia law firms. Over one-third of Lenhart Obenshain's attorneys are women.

Suter graduated with Honors from JMU in 1983 and attended law school at Washington and Lee University School of Law, graduating with Honors in 1986. She has practiced law for nearly 20 years, taking two hiatuses, one for mission work in Nepal through the Mennonite Church and one, as Executive Assistant at Bridgewater College, assisting former President Phil Stone. She has repeatedly been named "Legal Elite" by *Virginia Business* Magazine and currently serves on several non-profit Boards including the Blue Ridge Community College Educational Foundation and James Madison Innovations on which she serves as Vice Chair.

Regarding her appointment, Suter stated, "Lenhart Obenshain has outstanding professionals who know how to work collaboratively and capitalize on each other's strengths in serving our clients. It will be my pleasure to help with the back room details of running a firm so that my partners can continue to excel at what they do." Bill Shmidheiser who was Managing Partner for the last four years stated, "Lynn has the intelligence, personality and work ethic to take on this responsibility while being one of the best corporate lawyers in Virginia."

Lenhart Obenshain is an "AV-rated"* law firm by Martindale-Hubbell® and its attorneys have been named to *Virginia Business*' "Legal Elite", *Law & Politics* "Virginia Super Lawyers" and *Best Lawyers in America*® publications.

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