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FOUR LENHART OBENSHAIN ATTORNEYS NAMED TO "VIRGINIA SUPER LAWYERS" & ATTORNEYS PATRICK ASPLIN & JENNIFER SHIRKEY NAMED "VIRGINIA RISING STARS"

Lenhart Obenshain PC is pleased to announce that four of its attorneys have been recognized for inclusion in the 2009 "Virginia Super Lawyers" listing and two of its attorneys, Patrick Asplin and Jennifer Shirkey, have been named to "Virginia Rising Stars."

Law & Politics magazine, in conjunction with *Richmond* magazine, surveyed over 18,000 Virginia lawyers for nominations of candidates to Virginia Super Lawyers. Those named were evaluated and selected through a system of nominations, peer evaluation and internal research. Only 5% of attorneys in Virginia receive this distinction. The "Rising Stars" listing is similar and identifies the top 2.5 percent of attorneys in Virginia who are under 40 or have been in practice for less than 10 years.

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

JOHN W. FLORA (TAX) – John Flora has served as lead counsel of a publicly-held Fortune 500 company and represents smaller private companies and their owners in all transactions from business formation through succession, including representing clients in the recently emerging field of alternative energy. His practice also specializes in estate planning and wealth management. In all of these areas, Mr. Flora brings to bear substantial technical expertise in federal and state taxation law as he holds a master of laws degree in taxation.

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.



Patrick C. Asplin



Cathleen P. Welsh