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**TEN LENHART PETTIT LAWYERS NAMED “LEGAL ELITE”**

Lenhart Pettit announces that ten of its attorneys have been recognized in the 2016 “Legal Elite” survey conducted annually by *Virginia Business* magazine. Statewide, only approximately 1,000 lawyers of the 30,876 active Virginia State Bar members were named this year. “We appreciate this recognition which would not be possible without the contributions of our entire team of exceptional staff and lawyers,” said David Pettit, of Lenhart Pettit.

The honored lawyers and the expertise for which they were recognized are Patrick C. Asplin (Intellectual Property), Andrew S. Baugher (Young Lawyers), Michael E. Derdeyn (Civil Litigation), Lisa Anne Hawkins (Real Estate/Land Use), Richard H. Howard-Smith (Taxes/Estates/Trusts/Elder Law), David H. Pettit (Business Law), George H. “Skip” Roberts, Jr. (Business Law), Nancy R. Schlichting (Alternative Dispute Resolution), Bill Shmidheiser (Bankruptcy/Creditors’ Rights), and Cathleen P. Welsh (Labor/Employment).

Lenhart Pettit is a business and litigation law firm with twenty-six attorneys and offices in Charlottesville and Harrisonburg. Lenhart Pettit’s attorneys are also regularly included on Virginia Super Lawyers® and *Best Lawyers in America*® lists.

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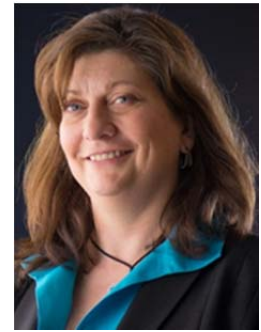
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