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Handler Thayer, LLP Receives National Recognition; Lawyers Named to Top Attorney Lists for 2012

Handler Thayer, LLP has been named to the U.S. News and World Report list of Best Law Firms in America. In addition, the firm was recently nominated for the prestigious annual *Private Asset Management* Awards and has made the short list of final five nominees in all three U.S. law firm categories: 1. Best Private Client Law Firm; 2. Best Law Firm for Client Service (in the UHNW/Family Office space); and, 3. Best Overall Law Firm (in the UHNW/Family Office space).

David A. Berek, C.F.P., C.P.A., J.D., L.L.M. was named to the *Leading Lawyers* 2012 List of Top Attorneys in Illinois in two areas of law:

1. Tax Law (Individuals) and
2. Trust, Will & Estate Planning Law.

Attorneys are named to *Leading Lawyers* based on independent reviews sent to all Illinois lawyers which are further subjected to advisory board review. Those designated *Leading Lawyers* represent fewer than 5% of all members of the Illinois Bar.

Jarrett T. Bostwick, J.D., LL.M. was named to the 2012 lists of *The Best Lawyers in America* in the area of Trusts & Estates, and to *Super Lawyers Illinois Rising Stars* in the areas of Estate Planning & Probate, and Income Tax. These lists of outstanding attorneys are derived by conducting exhaustive peer-review surveys completed by other attorneys.

Mr. Bostwick was also named to the *Leading Lawyers* 2012 List of Top Attorneys in Illinois in the area of Trusts, Wills & Estates. Those designated *Leading Lawyers* represent fewer than 5% of all members of the Illinois bar.

Mr. Bostwick was featured in the February 2012 edition of *Chicago Magazine* as a Top Young Attorney in Illinois. Mr. Bostwick has previously been named by *Worth Magazine as One of the Top 100 Attorneys in the United States* serving affluent families and family offices, and has also been named to *Best Lawyers in America* and *Who's Who in America*.

Thomas J. Handler, J.D., P.C. was named to the *Leading Lawyers* 2012 List of Top Attorneys in Illinois in two areas of law:

1. Trust, Will & Estate Planning Law, and
2. Closely and Privately Held Business Law.

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Mr. Handler has been previously named to the *Wealth Strategies Design Team* comprised of fifteen of the top wealth planners in the United States and to *Who's Who in American Law*, *Leading Lawyers in Illinois* and *Who's Who in America*.

Katarinna McBride, J.D., M.B.A., T.E.P. was named to the *Leading Lawyers* 2012 List of Top Attorneys in Illinois in two areas of law:

1. Trust, Will & Estate Planning Law, and
2. Association & Non-Profit Law.

Ms. McBride was also named to the list of *Top 100 Leading Women Consumer Lawyers*. Attorneys are named to *Leading Lawyers* based on independent reviews sent to all Illinois lawyers who are further subjected to advisory board review. Those designated *Leading Lawyers* represent fewer than 5% of all members of the Illinois Bar.

Ms. McBride has also been recognized for the last five consecutive years as a *Super Lawyers Illinois Rising Star* in the areas of Estate Planning & Probate, Closely Held Business and Tax, as a *Leading Lawyer* in Illinois and in the *Lexis Nexis Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers*.

Steven J. Thayer, M.B.A., J.D. was named to the *Leading Lawyers* 2012 List of Top Attorneys in Illinois in three areas of law:

1. Real Estate Law (Commercial & Residential),
2. Trust, Will & Estate Planning Law, and
3. Closely and Privately Held Business Law.

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Mr. Thayer has previously been named to *Leading Lawyers* in Illinois and to *Super Lawyers* as one of Illinois' top attorneys in two areas of law: 1) Business/Corporate Law, and 2) Closely Held Business Law.

Handler Thayer, LLP is one of the premier private client law firms in the U.S. Its national and international practice, based out of Chicago, Illinois and Washington, D.C., utilizes interdisciplinary teams of advanced planning attorneys. Handler Thayer is dedicated to providing distinctive, technologically-current and responsive services to affluent families, family businesses and family offices. The firm's practice is concentrated in Corporate, Real Estate and Securities Law, Sports & Entertainment Law, Federal, State and International Taxation, Trusts & Estates, and Financial & Estate Planning. Firm clientele include foundations, multinational corporations, professional athletes, prominent entrepreneurs, celebrities and family offices. See **WWW.HANDLERTHAYER.COM**.

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