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Sterns & Weinroth Attorneys Recognized for Legal Excellence by Industry Publications

May, 2009, Trenton, NJ -- Sterns & Weinroth, P.C. is pleased to announce that four attorneys of the firm have been named to the list of New Jersey Super Lawyers® for 2009. The recognition is given to the top five percent of practicing attorneys. Six of the firm's attorneys have been recognized since the listing was first published in 2005, and two of those attorneys have been named to the list every year. The Firm's attorneys recognized this year are the Firm's Managing Director and a Member of the firm's Litigation Practice Group, **William J. Bigham**; the Chair of the firm's Real Estate/Transactional Practice Group, **Frank J. Petrino**; the Chair of the firm's Litigation Practice Group, **Robert P. Zoller**; and a Director in the firm's Litigation Practice Group, **Michael A. Spero**. These attorneys were selected after an extensive survey and peer review conducted by *Law & Politics Media*, intended to distinguish outstanding attorneys in the State who have established an exceptional degree of achievement in the legal profession and respect from their peers. More than 35,000 ballots were distributed to attorneys across New Jersey, seeking nominations of colleagues they had personally observed in action. *Law & Politics'* attorney-led team then conducted its own independent research, meeting and corresponding with hundreds of law firms to seek and identify the top lawyers in the State.

Real Estate New Jersey Magazine has recognized **Frank J. Petrino** and **Roxanne E. Jayne** for their legal excellence and selected them for inclusion in the publication's "Meet the Real Estate Lawyers" List. The list of honorees, selected from hundreds of nominations from across the state, will be published in the May/June issue of the magazine. To learn more about the publication go to <http://www.globest.com/newjersey>.

ABOUT THE ATTORNEYS

William J. Bigham has a varied business litigation practice, concentrating on commercial and complex litigation in state and federal courts and on alternative dispute processes. He is experienced in handling sophisticated business disputes, including breach of contract and a variety of business torts, as well as restrictive covenant and other employment matters, class actions, shareholder and partnership disputes and insurance litigation. Mr. Bigham is also engaged in the counseling of the firm's corporate clients and in corporate and commercial transactions. He has received the highest possible rating from Martindale-Hubbell and has been named to the *New Jersey Super Lawyers* list every year it has been published. Mr. Bigham has served as the Managing Director of Sterns & Weinroth, PC since its inception.

Frank J. Petrino, focuses his practice on the acquisition, development and financing of real estate. He represents national, regional and local builders and developers before municipal, county, state, and federal agencies with respect to the development of fee simple residential communities, common interest communities, and business and industrial parks, including industrial parks located within redevelopment areas and on Brownfields sites. He has extensive litigation experience in the regulation of the use, sale of interests, and environmental impact of real estate development. Mr. Petrino has been recognized by his peers, receiving the

highest possible rating from Martindale-Hubbell and named to the *New Jersey Super Lawyers* list every year it has been published.

Robert P. Zoller has been named to the New Jersey Super Lawyers® list in 2007 and 2009. Serving as Chair of the firm's Litigation Practice Group, he focuses his practice on a broad area of civil litigation and appeals in both state and federal courts and has more than 20 years of experience in the areas of business and commercial, construction, equine, insurance, product liability and negligence and professional liability law. Mr. Zoller is a seasoned civil trial attorney and has successfully represented corporations, closely held businesses and individual entrepreneurs in both the prosecution and defense of a wide variety of litigation matters.

Michael A. Spero has been named to the New Jersey Super Lawyers® list for four consecutive years. He concentrates his practice in civil litigation and complex matters and is authorized by the New Jersey Supreme Court to be designated as a Certified Civil Trial Attorney. Mr. Spero has handled cases in every county of New Jersey and tried cases in all three Federal District Courts in New Jersey involving a wide variety of matters including corporate, commercial, construction, employment, personal injury and professional negligence. Mr. Spero has been recognized by his peers and received the highest possible rating from Martindale-Hubbell.

Roxanne E Jayne, a director in the firm's Real Estate/Transactional Practice Group, focuses her practice on environmental aspects of real estate transactions, with emphasis on sales transactions, due diligence, redevelopment of Brownfield sites and ISRA compliance. Ms. Jayne is well respected within the environmental law community. Her expertise was instrumental in revising the recently passed LSRP bill to include protections for redevelopers conducting due diligence for contaminated sites. She is a frequent speaker and author on due diligence, site remediation and Brownfield topics. Ms. Jayne is a founding member of NJ Chapter of Society of Women Environmental Professionals (SWEP) and serves on B.E.S.T., a Brownfield Advisory Board to City of Trenton.

Sterns & Weinroth has provided quality legal services and personalized attention from its Trenton location for 40 years within its five principal practice areas: Administrative/Governmental, Bankruptcy/Creditors' Rights, Gaming, Litigation and Real Estate/Transactional. For more information, please visit: www.sternslaw.com.

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