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HARTER SECREST & EMERY STANDS OUT IN ANNUAL *U.S. NEWS - BEST LAWYERS* “BEST LAW FIRMS” RANKINGS

Firm Earns Two National Rankings and the Most Top Tier Metropolitan Rankings in Western New York

Rochester, N.Y., November 3, 2016 – For the seventh consecutive year, Harter Secret & Emery LLP, a full-service business law firm with offices throughout New York, has received the most “Best Law Firms” Top Tier Metro rankings in Western New York in the annual rankings released today by *U.S. News - Best Lawyers*[®]. In all, Harter Secret & Emery garnered a total of 44 practice group rankings, including two national rankings and 33 Top Tier Metropolitan practice group rankings across an array of practice areas.

In addition to maintaining a national ranking for Corporate Law, the firm also gained a national ranking in the area of Land Use & Zoning Law. The rankings are based on an extensive review process, which includes client and lawyer evaluations, and peer review from leading attorneys in their field.

“The all-encompassing effort to take a true measure of each law firm makes the U.S. News - Best Lawyers rankings especially meaningful,” said Craig S. Wittlin, Harter Secret & Emery Managing Partner. “We are privileged to work with extraordinary clients and proud to have a firm of talented and committed attorneys and legal professionals. That our clients and our colleagues collectively view Harter Secret & Emery as a leader at the important intersection of client and value is a testament to every person within our firm.”

In addition to the firm’s national rankings for Corporate Law and Land Use & Zoning Law, Harter Secret & Emery’s Buffalo and Rochester offices received Metropolitan practice group rankings in the following practice areas (*Tier 1 rankings in italics*):

Buffalo

Banking and Finance Law

Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law

Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law

Commercial Litigation

Corporate Law

Education Law

Labor Law - Management

Litigation – Bankruptcy

Litigation - ERISA

Litigation – Labor & Employment

Mediation

Mergers & Acquisitions Law

Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
Employment Law - Management

Public Finance Law
Real Estate Law

Rochester

Appellate Practice
Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law
Commercial Litigation
Construction Law
Corporate Law
Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
Environmental Law
Health Care Law

Immigration Law
Land Use & Zoning Law
Litigation - Construction
Litigation - Environmental
Litigation – Intellectual Property

Litigation – Labor & Employment
Litigation – Land Use & Zoning
Litigation – Patent
Litigation – Real Estate
Mergers & Acquisitions Law
Patent Law
Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
Public Finance Law
Real Estate Law
Securities/Capital Markets Law
Tax Law
Trusts & Estates Law

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U.S. News and Best Lawyers® rank more than 13,000 firms in 122 practice areas in 185 metropolitan areas and 8 states. The “Best Law Firms” rankings are based on a rigorous evaluation process that includes the collection of client and lawyer evaluations, peer review from leading attorneys in their field, and review of additional information provided by law firms as part of the formal submission process. The rankings are posted online at <http://bestlawfirms.usnews.com/>

About Harter Secrest & Emery LLP

Harter Secrest & Emery LLP is a full-service business law firm providing legal services to clients ranging from individuals and family-owned businesses to Fortune 100 companies and major regional institutions. With offices in Rochester, Buffalo, Albany, Corning, and New York City, New York, the firm is a recognized leader in corporate, employee benefits, environmental and land use, healthcare, higher education, immigration, intellectual property, labor and employment, litigation, real estate, and trusts and estate law. Harter Secrest & Emery has 33 *U.S. News - Best Lawyers* 2017 “Best Law Firms” top tier practice group rankings - more Western New York rankings than any other law firm. The firm has been top ranked in *Chambers USA* for Corporate/M&A, Litigation and Immigration law and 46 attorneys are recognized as *The Best Lawyers in America* in 2017. For more information visit www.hsela.com.