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### **MICHELLE L. BOUTON APPOINTED TO ALLEYWAY THEATRE INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Buffalo, New York, December 9, 2020** – Harter Secrest & Emery LLP, a full-service business law firm with offices throughout New York, announced that [Michelle L. Bouton](#), counsel in the firm’s [Real Estate](#) practice, has been appointed to serve on the Board of Directors for Alleyway Theatre Inc.

Founded in 1980, Alleyway Theatre Inc. develops and produces new plays and musicals from its home in a beautifully renovated 33,000 sq. ft. former Greyhound bus depot in the heart of Buffalo’s historic Theatre District. The corporation also provides theatre education to adults and students through its Theatre School of WNY.

“We’re thrilled that Ms. Bouton has joined the Board,” said Alleyway Theatre’s Executive Artistic Director Chris J Handley. “Her experience and expertise will be instrumental as we navigate this difficult period and move towards a new era of artistic and organizational growth.”

Bouton has over 20 years’ experience guiding clients through every step of a real estate transaction, from execution of the purchase and sale agreement to closing. She assists landlords and tenants with commercial lease negotiations and has represented borrowers and lenders in commercial financing transactions.

Bouton received her J.D. from Seton Hall University School of Law and her B.S. from Cornell University.

Harter Secrest & Emery real estate attorneys advise clients on all legal aspects of real estate law. The firm represents a wide range of developers, commercial buyers, sellers, real estate investment trusts, and institutional lenders in the acquisition, divestiture, and financing of real estate ventures. In addition, the group works with commercial clients, including Fortune 100 companies, on commercial leasing

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