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FOUNDING PARTNERS MARY OWENS AND SAM KAUFMAN NAMED TO 2013 LEGAL ELITE

MIDLOTHIAN, VA (December 4, 2013) – The law firm of **Owen & Owens** is proud to announce that two of its founding partners, **Mary Burkey Owens and Samuel J. Kaufman**, have been selected by their peers to be included in *Virginia Business* magazine's 2013 Legal Elite.

All licensed Virginia attorneys are eligible to vote for the Legal Elite, and this year, more than 1,200 attorneys participated in the voting process. From the 3,348 attorneys who were nominated, only 868 were selected as the most outstanding representatives of their practices.

Mary Burkey Owens has been named one of the Legal Elite by *Virginia Business* magazine since 2001. This year, Owens was profiled in the publication as a leading representative for the Family Law/Domestic Relations category, indicating she was one of the top 10 vote-getters in that category. She was also recognized by *Virginia Super Lawyers* as one of the "Top 50 Women Super Lawyers" in Virginia for 2012 and 2013 and by *Best Lawyers in America* for 2013 and 2014. Owens has handled complex custody, divorce, support and equitable distribution cases for over 25 years and is trained in the collaborative law process. She is a founding member and former president of the Metro Richmond Family Law Bar and past president of the Chesterfield County Bar Association. In 2011 Owens was honored by *Virginia Lawyers Weekly* as one of the "Influential Women of Virginia" who are making notable contributions to their profession and community.

Sam Kaufman was named one of this year's Legal Elite for the first time and is being recognized in the category of Business Law. Kaufman has also been named to *Virginia Super Lawyers Rising Stars* for the past five years in the General Litigation, Business Litigation and Real Estate categories. He represents both businesses and individuals in general litigation, commercial litigation and real estate matters. Kaufman is the immediate past-president of the University of Richmond Alumni Association and former national co-chair of the University of Richmond's Annual Fund. He is also chairman of the Chesterfield County Economic Development Advisory Council. In 2012, he was honored as one of the "Top 40 Under 40" by *Style Weekly Magazine* and the National Trial Lawyers Association.

About the Firm:

From family law to personal and commercial representation, Owen & Owens focuses its practice on the premise that “Every Client Matters.” For more information, please visit

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