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FOUR FROM OWEN & OWENS NAMED TO 2012 VIRGINIA ‘SUPER LAWYERS’

MIDLOTHIAN, VA (October 26, 2012) – The law firm of **Owen & Owens** is proud to announce that its three founding partners and one of its senior associates were all voted by their peers for the 2012 edition of **Virginia Super Lawyers®**. W. Joseph Owen III and Mary Burkey Owens were named to Virginia Super Lawyers. Samuel J. Kaufman and Kimberly A. Skiba were recognized as Virginia Super Lawyers “Rising Stars.”

Super Lawyers, a Thomson Reuters business, is a rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. Only 5% of licensed attorneys in Virginia are selected for inclusion by Super Lawyers after an extensive nomination, peer review and editorial research process.

Mary Burkey Owens received the added distinction as one of the “**Top 50 Women Super Lawyers**” in Virginia, indicating she received one of the highest point totals in the nomination, research and blue ribbon review process. She was selected by Virginia Super Lawyers in the Family Law, Collaborative Law, and Estate Planning & Probate categories. 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.

Joe Owen was selected for Virginia Super Lawyers in the General Litigation and Criminal Defense categories. Owen is a successful trial lawyer representing individuals and businesses in civil and commercial litigation, criminal defense, personal injury, real estate, estate planning, corporate and construction law. He is chairman of the Drug Court Foundation of Chesterfield/Colonial Heights and a statewide leader with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Owen is a founding member of North Star Community, which provides a Christ-centered approach to substance abuse recovery. In 2011 Owen was named one of the “Leaders in the

Law” by *Virginia Lawyers Weekly*, recognizing him for his leadership in the legal profession and service to the community.

Sam Kaufman was named to Virginia Super Lawyers “Rising Stars” for the fourth consecutive year and is listed 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 president of the University of Richmond Alumni Association and former national co-chair of the University of Richmond’s Annual Fund. He is also past chairman of the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce.

Kimberly Skiba was named to Virginia Super Lawyers “Rising Stars” and is listed in the Family Law and Estate Planning & Probate categories. Her practice focuses on domestic relations and wills and estate planning. She is a member of the Metro Richmond Women’s Bar Association and Richmond Bar Association. She is also a past co-chair of the Richmond Bench-Bar Conference and a board member of Safe Harbor. In 2012 Skiba became the first recipient of the Richmond Bar Association’s “Young Lawyer of the Year” award, recognizing her for her excellence in the practice of law and her outstanding leadership qualities.

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 www.owenowens.com.

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