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O'Meara to lead one of Minnesota's top civil litigation firms

Leadership team renews pledge to build 'Relationships, Reliability and Results'

Minneapolis, Minnesota (January 29, 2014) – New leadership is taking the helm at the Minneapolis law firm of O'Meara, Leer, Wagner & Kohl, one of Minnesota's premier civil litigation firms. And with the announcement comes the team's pledge to continue the Firm's unwavering dedication to exemplary service for clients. As of January first, Shamus O'Meara leads the Firm as Managing Shareholder, Morgan Godfrey is now a Shareholder, Firm President Timothy Leer heads the Liability Department, and Mary Kohl heads the Workers' Compensation Department. Since its founding 40 years ago, the firm of O'Meara, Leer, Wagner & Kohl has gained a national reputation for its enviable track record in business, commercial, education, workers' compensation and insurance-related litigation.

"We are excited to renew our commitment to building relationships founded on personal integrity and trust that will help guide our clients to effective decisions," said O'Meara. "Our Firm's primary focus is on relationships, reliability and results—with our clients, each other, and our community." He says the Firm's new leadership has broad practical litigation and management experience with unique qualities gained from working "hands-on" with a diverse client base, they have been extensively involved in their community and industry, and are well-positioned to lead the Firm to new opportunities in the future.

Shamus P. O'Meara, Managing Shareholder—A shareholder with the firm since 1998, O'Meara represents businesses, employers and school districts in complex liability, construction, education and transactional matters. He has been recognized as an Attorney of the Year by *Minnesota Lawyer*, and a Super Lawyer by *Minnesota Law & Politics*.

Morgan A. Godfrey, Shareholder—With more than 20 years of litigation experience, Godfrey heads up the Firm's Employment Law section and has handled a diverse representation of individuals, businesses and insurance carriers. He has substantial trial and appellate practice and works primarily in the areas of employment, government liability, construction and insurance coverage.

Timothy J. Leer, Head of Liability Department—With more than 30 years of experience, Leer is the Firm's senior shareholder, whose practice involves a wide range of litigation matters including professional and pharmaceutical malpractice, products liability, premises and security liability claims and motor vehicle law. He is one of the Firm's most prolific trial lawyers and has been recognized as a Super Lawyer by *Minnesota Law & Politics*.

Mary E. Kohl, Head of Workers' Compensation Department—Kohl is a shareholder and served as the Firm's Managing Shareholder from 2009 to 2012. Since 1991, her practice has focused on employer-related workers' compensation issues, and represents self-insured and insured clients. She is past Co-Chair of the Hennepin County Bar Association's Workers' Compensation Committee and has been recognized as a Super Lawyer by *Minnesota Law & Politics*.

About O'Meara, Leer, Wagner & Kohl, P.A.

Since its founding in 1973, O'Meara, Leer, Wagner & Kohl, P.A. has achieved a strong national reputation for trial success and its handling of high profile legal matters, and has a deep tradition of community involvement. Based in Minneapolis, the firm of more than 60 employees and 23 attorneys serves a diverse group of clients from multinational corporations to emerging businesses, local governments and insurance companies. The firm is listed in *Best's Recommended Insurance Attorneys*, *The Insurance Bar*, and by *Martindale-Hubbell, Inc.* with the highest rating for professional legal ability and faithful adherence to ethical standards, professional reliability and diligence. For more information, call 952-806-0442 or go to: www.olwklaw.com. To schedule interviews, contact media liaison Robb Leer at 612.701.0608.

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