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**RE: P&A CLIENT ADVISORY (2012:10)** 

P&A Attorneys Named to Prestigious Lawyers Lists for 2012

CHRISTOPHER J. PETRINI of Petrini & Associates, P.C. ("P&A") was recently named by *The American Lawyer* magazine as one of the top rated attorneys nationally in construction for 2012. Only lawyers who achieve an AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rating by Martindale-Hubbell®, the highest lawyer rating offered, are considered for the Top Rated Lawyers list by *The American Lawyer*. The selections for this esteemed list are made by LexisNexis® Martindale-Hubbell®. This is Mr. Petrini's first selection for this list. He was previously named as a Super Lawyer by New England *Super Lawyers* in 2009 and 2010.

Mr. Petrini founded Petrini & Associates, P.C. in 2004 and has served as Town Counsel to the Town of Framingham since 2001. P&A is currently Town Counsel for the Towns of Framingham, Medway, Sherborn and West Brookfield, and represents various other cities and towns as special counsel in public construction litigation and other litigation matters. Mr. Petrini is a graduate of Duke University School of Law with High Honors. Mr. Petrini is co-chair of the Construction Law Committee of the Civil Litigation Section of Council of the Massachusetts Bar Association and a member and past President of the Massachusetts City Solicitors and Town Counsel Association. He is a member of the International Municipal Lawyers Association and the Massachusetts Bar Association. Mr. Petrini frequently publishes and lectures in areas of his professional expertise.

**PETER L. MELLO and CHRISTOPHER L. BROWN** have each been selected for inclusion in the New England *Super Lawyers* Rising Stars Edition for 2012. Only 2.5% of the lawyers in the state are named by *Super Lawyers* to the Rising Stars list.

The Rising Stars Edition of *Super Lawyers* magazine recognizes the top up-and-coming attorneys in New England. The Rising Stars list is based upon formal and informal nominations by fellow attorneys and evaluation of various background criteria by the research team at *Super Lawyers*.

Mr. Mello focuses his practice on land use and zoning, municipal law, construction law, school law and general civil litigation. Prior to joining Petrini & Associates, P.C., Mr. Mello was an associate with the Boston law firm of Kopelman and Paige, P.C., where he practiced civil litigation in cases pending in state and federal trial and appellate courts. He is a graduate of Boston University School of Law. While at Boston University School of Law, Mr. Mello served as a staff editor of the American Journal of Law and Medicine. He is a member of the Massachusetts City Solicitors and Town Counsel Association, for which he also serves as a staff editor for the Association's Municipal Law Quarterly publication. This is Mr. Mello's first selection to the Massachusetts Rising Stars list.

Mr. Brown joined Petrini & Associates, P.C. in 2010 after practicing civil litigation in state and federal courts for several years with a small defense firm in Boston. He focuses his practice on general civil litigation, municipal law, labor and employment law. He is a graduate of Northeastern University School of Law. Prior to his legal career, Mr. Brown served in the United States Army as a field artillery officer. He is a member of the Massachusetts City Solicitors and Town Counsel Association and the Massachusetts Bar Association. Mr. Brown was previously selected for inclusion in the Massachusetts Rising Star list in 2009, 2010 and 2011.