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12 Schneider Smeltz Spieth Bell LLP lawyers named to 2020 Best Lawyers® list

Cleveland, Ohio, August 15, 2019 -- [Schneider Smeltz Spieth Bell LLP](#) is pleased to announce that 12 lawyers have been included in the 2020 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. Since it was first published in 1983, [Best Lawyers](#) has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence.

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"Best Lawyers was founded in 1981 with the purpose of highlighting the extraordinary accomplishments of those in the legal profession. After three decades, we are proud to continue to serve as the most reliable, unbiased source of legal referrals worldwide," says CEO Phillip Greer.

Lawyers on *The Best Lawyers in America* list are divided by geographic region and practice areas. They are reviewed by their peers on the basis of professional expertise, and undergo an authentication process to make sure they are in current practice and in good standing.

Schneider Smeltz Spieth Bell LLP would like to congratulate the following lawyers named to 2020 *The Best Lawyers in America* list:

Charles F. Adler - Tax Law, Trusts and Estates, Litigation - Trusts and Estates

James R. Bright - Trusts and Estates

J. Donald Cairns - Trusts and Estates, Litigation - Trusts and Estates

J. Paul Fidler - Trusts and Estates, Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law, Litigation - Trusts and Estates

Thomas J. LaFond - Family Law

Kenneth J. Laino - Commercial Litigation

David M. Lenz - Trusts and Estates, Litigation - Trusts and Estates

M. Elizabeth Monihan - Tax Law, Trusts and Estates, Litigation - Trusts and Estates

Ryan P. Nowlin - Family Law

Jennifer A. Savage - Trusts and Estates, Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law

James D. Vail - Health Care Law, Real Estate Law, Commercial Litigation

J. Talbot Young - Trusts and Estates

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We have more than 25 lawyers who provide our clients with a broad range of services and a deep bench of legal talent. Our lawyers are licensed to practice law in Ohio, New York, Florida, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and California and before various federal and state courts.

We focus on business law, real estate, litigation, family law, taxation and trusts and estates, with attorneys uniquely suited to meet the needs of businesses, individuals, and charitable organizations.

Our attorneys are highly respected industry veterans with decades of experience which sets them apart as true leaders in our legal community. We are proud of having one of the only Ohio law firms with six attorneys who are Fellows in the prestigious American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC). Lawyers are elected to be Fellows based on their outstanding reputation, exceptional skill, and substantial contributions to the field by lecturing, writing, teaching and participating in bar activities. These six lawyers collectively have nearly 250 years of experience in devising practical solutions and advising clients in trust and estate matters.

As part of our firm's culture, we promote active leadership and involvement in the profession and in our community. We have attorneys who are leading important legal and business associations, committees, and boards, as well as are civic and local government leaders throughout our region.

The firm is an active member of Primerus, a society of the world's finest independent, boutique law firms. With nearly 200 member firms in more than 40 countries, each firm is screened to ensure its commitment to excellence as embodied in the Six Pillars: Integrity, Excellent Work Product, Reasonable Fees, Continuing Legal Education, Civility and Community Service.

Schneider Smeltz Spieth Bell LLP is dedicated to providing thoughtful, practical solutions to the complex problems faced by our clients, with a strong devotion of delivering excellent personal and timely service.