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Giffin, Winning Attorney Chris Sherer Acknowledged Among Top Emerging Lawvers

SPRINGFIELD – The downtown Springfield law firm of Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes, P.C. announced that Chris Sherer has recently been distinguished as an "Emerging Lawyer" in Illinois by Leading Lawyers. This distinction is earned by less than two percent of all lawyers licensed to practice law in Illinois, and qualified lawyers must be under the age of 40 or practicing law for less than 10 years.

Leading Lawyers is a division of Law Bulletin Publishing, established in 1854. The Leading Lawyers research is based on an extensive peer review process including surveys and phone and email questionnaires. Survey respondents could not nominate themselves or other lawyers at their own firms. For more information, visit www.leadinglawyers.com.

Sherer was previously named one of the Top 40 Under 40 trial lawyers by the National Trial Lawyers association and was twice named one of the Top 40 Under 40 Family lawyers in the State of Illinois. He is a member of the Sangamon County Bar Association, the Montgomery County Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association, and the Missouri Bar. Giving back to his hometown and community, he has been a member of the Hillsboro City Council since 2007, as well as a volunteer firefighter with the Hillsboro Fire Department since 2003, and he was recently elected to serve on the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors. Mr. Sherer has provided pro bono services to Sangamon County domestic violence victims through the Sojourn Shelter and to Montgomery County residents through the Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation.

Mr. Sherer joined the historic downtown Springfield law firm Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes, P.C. as an associate in 2004. In addition to his concentration in the area of Family Law, he also practices in the areas of Local Government Law, Election Law, General Litigation, and Appellate Practice. Mr. Sherer has represented more than 30 counties throughout the state as a Special Assistant State's Attorney in matters before administrative agencies, circuit courts, the appellate courts, and even the United States Bankruptcy Court. He also works as City Attorney for two cities in Central Illinois.

About the Firm

Since 1911, Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes, P.C. has been providing exceptional legal services to individuals, businesses, and governmental agencies throughout Illinois. Many of its attorneys have received the prestigious "AV Preeminent" rating¹ from Martindale-Hubbell® and have been named to Illinois "Super Lawyers" and "Leading Lawyers Network" publications. The firm counts among its former members and associates a current United States Senator from Illinois, congressmen, judges, and prominent private and governmental leaders. The firm's rich history includes direct ties to Abraham Lincoln's law practice. Additionally, the firm is a member of SCG Legal, an invitation-only group of 145 preeminent independent law firms.² More information about the firm can be found at http://www.giffinwinning.com

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