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Richards, Layton & Finger Director Named *Best Lawyers* “Corporate Lawyer of the Year”

WILMINGTON, Delaware (November 19, 2009) – *Best Lawyers* has named Richards, Layton & Finger director Donald A. Bussard as the “Wilmington, DE Best Lawyers Corporate Lawyer of the Year” for 2010. After more than a quarter of a century in publication, *Best Lawyers* is designating “Lawyers of the Year” in high-profile legal specialties in large legal communities. Only one lawyer in each specialty in each community is being honored as the “Lawyer of the Year.”

Bussard, the senior member of Richards Layton’s Corporate Transactional Group, advises corporations, boards of directors and board committees in connection with mergers and acquisitions, recapitalizations, stock issuances, stockholders’ meetings, stockholder relations and corporate governance matters. In addition to being listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for 15 years, Bussard has been recognized in *Chambers USA*, *Lawdragon*, *Who’s Who Legal* and *Delaware Super Lawyers*. He received a JD from Temple University School of Law and a BA from Williams College.

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Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A. is Delaware’s largest law firm and one of its oldest. It provides counsel on sophisticated financial transactions involving Delaware corporations and alternative entities, as well as advice and guidance to clients locally and around the world. Richards Layton attorneys have been leaders in cases decided in Delaware courts addressing corporate law and governance, mergers and acquisitions, bankruptcy, fiduciary relations, commercial and other general civil matters.

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