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**Four Richards, Layton & Finger Directors Named in
*The International Who's Who of Merger & Acquisition Lawyers***

WILMINGTON, Delaware (February 2, 2010) – Four Richards, Layton & Finger lawyers, more than from any other Delaware firm, have been named in *The International Who's Who of Merger & Acquisition Lawyers 2010*. C. Stephen Bigler, Donald A. Bussard, Jesse A. Finkelstein and Mark J. Gentile have been selected by their peers as the world's foremost merger and acquisition lawyers. Researchers at Who's Who Legal gather information from lawyers and clients as well as the legal and financial media to create a definitive list of the world's leading attorneys in 29 areas of business law.

The International Who's Who of Merger & Acquisition Lawyers will be published in March of this year and launched at the 9th Annual International M&A Conference, held on June 16-17, 2010, in New York. It will also form a chapter in the compendium volume, *The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers*, which will be published later this year and sent to more than 10,000 of the world's leading lawyers and corporate counsel.

Bigler, president of Richards Layton, counsels corporations, officers, directors, board committees, stockholders and investors on matters involving Delaware's General Corporation Law and related issues of fiduciary duty arising in a wide variety of transactional and operational contexts. His practice also includes entity formation, mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, defensive planning, capital-raising transactions and stockholder meetings. Bigler earned a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law and a B.S., *magna cum laude*, from Washington & Lee University.

Bussard advises corporations, boards of directors and board committees in connection with mergers and acquisitions, recapitalizations, stock issuances, stockholder meetings and relations, and corporate governance matters. He is the senior member of the firm's corporate transactional group and a contributing author to *The Delaware Law of Corporations and Business Organizations*. Bussard earned a J.D. from Temple University School of Law after receiving a B.A. from Williams College.

Finkelstein provides corporate governance, transactional, merger and acquisition, and control dispute advice to clients, and represents both corporate and individual clients in complex or high-stakes litigation. His practice also includes the representation of special and standing board committees and corporate investigations. Finkelstein graduated with a J.D. from Boston College Law School and a B.A. from the University of Rochester.

Gentile focuses his practice on advising corporations, officers, directors, board committees and stockholders in connection with mergers and acquisitions, divestitures, recapitalizations and corporate governance. An author and frequent speaker on aspects of Delaware corporate law, Gentile is an appointed member of the American Bar Association's Committee on Corporate Laws. He earned J.D., *cum laude*, from Boston University School of Law and a B.S. from the State University of New York at Binghamton.

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About the Firm

Richards, Layton & Finger 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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