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### **Polsinelli Lawyer Bruce R. Hopkins Receives Top National Award For Outstanding Work In The Nonprofit Legal Field**

**Hopkins Named American Bar Association's  
*Outstanding Nonprofit Lawyer* for 2007**

**Kansas City, Missouri (March 26, 2007)** – Polsinelli Shalton Flanigan Suelthaus PC today announced that nonprofit lawyer, Bruce R. Hopkins, has been named the 2007 recipient of the *Outstanding Nonprofit Lawyer – Vanguard/Lifetime Achievement Award* by the Nonprofit Corporations Committee of the Business Law Section of the American Bar Association (ABA). This prestigious award is designated for those individuals who have made outstanding lifetime contributions to the nonprofit sector or the development of nonprofit law. The Lifetime Achievement Award is the highest award given by the committee.

“I am humbled by this award and am truly grateful to be recognized by such an esteemed organization as the American Bar Association,” Hopkins said. “I’ve devoted my career to the nonprofit sector. It is something I’m passionate about and it’s an honor to receive an award for something I really enjoy doing.”

Hopkins has been a lawyer with Polsinelli for more than 11 years and has served in the nonprofit legal field for 37 years. He has published several books on nonprofit tax and other law issues, writes a monthly newsletter on nonprofit law and is recognized as a national expert on the subject.

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Nominations for the award are solicited from the legal community, as well as from individuals involved with nonprofit organizations. Criteria demonstrating an attorney's contribution to nonprofit law include: making a significant contribution to nonprofit organizations while acting in a legal role (i.e., not as an officer or director); increasing the understanding of legal issues affecting nonprofit organizations (e.g. articles, books, speeches); and developing innovative approaches to legal or organizational issues for nonprofit organizations.

"Bruce is a nationally recognized nonprofit attorney and a tremendous asset to the firm and the nonprofit organizations practice group," said W. Russell Welsh, Polsinelli's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "This is a well-deserved award, and we know there is much more to come from this talented, respected attorney."

Specializing in the areas of corporate law and taxation, Hopkins' emphasis is on nonprofit organizations. His clients include charitable and educational organizations, associations, colleges, universities, hospitals, other health care providers, religious organizations, business and professional associations and private foundations. Many nonprofit organizations retain Hopkins as general counsel; others use his services as special tax and/or fundraising counsel.

Nonprofit organizations work with Hopkins to establish and qualify for tax exemption and to establish and operate charitable and fundraising programs. He advises on matters such as public charity/private foundation qualification, intermediate sanctions, lobbying, political activities, the unrelated business income rules, and nonprofit involvement in partnerships and other joint ventures. Hopkins is also listed in the *Best Lawyers in America*, 2007 edition.

Hopkins has earned a steady and loyal client base due to his ability to build relationships and deliver results.

"The passage of time will not diminish our gratitude to Bruce for his insight, wisdom and kind consideration," said Hilda Yao, Executive Director of the San Francisco-based Claire Giannini Fund. "His expertise is so complete. Besides being intellectually gifted and honest, Bruce also has a great sense of humor and working with him has been a pure pleasure."

"I've never met anyone as prolific as Bruce in what he knows and how he expresses it so clearly to clients," said Marsha Block, Chief Executive Officer, American Group Psychotherapy Association in New York City. "His works are creating a great legacy for the legal profession and for our organization."

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