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NATHAN WATKINS NAMED FELLOW OF LITIGATION COUNSEL OF AMERICA

      Kansas City attorney Nathan L. Watkins, of the law firm Barker, Sidley & Tate, P.C., has been selected as a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America. Watkins is a senior litigator in the firm’s commercial litigation section and past director of the Kansas City Bar Association. A 1977 graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia, Watkins received his Juris Doctor degree from Washington University School of Law in 1980. He has represented numerous clients in both federal and state courts and has argued cases before the Supreme Court of Missouri, the Missouri Court of Appeals, and the Kansas Supreme Court. Watkins regularly represents domestic and international companies in the enforcement of their intellectual property rights and complex commercial litigation.

     The LCA is a trial lawyer honorary society composed of less than one-half of one percent of American lawyers. Fellowship in the LCA is highly selective and by invitation only. Fellows are selected based upon excellence and accomplishment in litigation, both at the trial and appellate levels, and superior ethical reputation. The LCA is aggressively diverse in its composition. Established as a trial and appellate lawyer honorary society reflecting the American bar in the twenty-first century, the LCA represents the best in law among its membership. The number of Fellowships has been kept at an exclusive limit by design, allowing qualifications, diversity and inclusion to align effectively, with recognition of excellence in litigation across all segments of the bar. Fellows are generally at the partner or shareholder level, or are independent practitioners with recognized experience and accomplishment. In addition, the LCA is dedicated to promoting superior advocacy, professionalism and ethical standards among its Fellows.
     Watkins is also active in The United Way, where he serves on the advisory council, the Greater Kansas City Development Board, and is the past president of Western Missouri Planned Parenthood.

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LAKERMAN, FREEDMAN & DOER NAMED DIVERSITY PARTNER

     The Cincinnati law firm of Lakerman, Freedman & Doer has been awarded the designation of Diversity Partner by the Litigation Counsel of America (LCA). The firm, with 156 lawyers among its offices in Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton, Louisville and Indianapolis, maintains practice areas encompassing a full range of legal services, including litigation, corporate, securities, employment, intellectual property, and tax practices. Lakerman, Freedman & Doer dates back to 1952, when it was founded by John F. Lakerman and Mark B. Freedman. The firm's original commitment to business and entrepreneurial enterprises is still maintained today. The firm was commended by the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce in 2008 for its pro bono work and community involvement.
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     The Diversity Partner designation is awarded to select law firms in the United States and Canada which through multiple LCA Fellowships among firm members and/or sponsorship of conferences or colloquia promoting the art of advocacy have demonstrated exemplary support of diversity within the profession of law.