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Giordano Halleran & Ciesla is a multi-specialty law firm dedicated to providing sophisticated, complex legal services and solutions. The attorneys maintain personal relationships and gather in-depth knowledge of clients’ businesses and industries to construct both sound legal advice and effective strategies to resolve business issues. With a focus on responsiveness and producing results with outstanding value to their clients’ bottom line, the firm provides experienced legal representation in a wide variety of practice areas, including: Corporate and Business; Creditors’ Rights and Bankruptcy; Environmental; Healthcare; Intellectual Property and Technology; Labor and Employment; Litigation; Real Estate, Land Use and Development; and Trusts and Estates.



John A. Aiello, a shareholder and chair of the Corporate and Securities Practice Area, has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* since 1987. He is included in both “Corporate Law” and “Mergers & Acquisitions Law.” Aiello concentrates his practice on corporate and securities matters and focuses on various aspects of corporate finance, including private placements and initial public offerings of securities, as well as mergers, acquisitions and restructurings. Aiello is a member of the Board of the Association for Corporate Growth and also a member of the American, New Jersey, New York State and Monmouth County Bar Associations.



Bernard J. Berry, shareholder and chair of the Business and Banking Practice Area, is included in both “Banking Law” and “Corporate Law.” Berry counsels closely held businesses in a wide variety of matters, including contractual negotiations and related litigation, shareholder and partnership formations and disputes, financing of business ventures, business acquisitions, mergers, joint ventures, strategic alliances, corporate governance issues and director and officer liability issues. He also represents lenders and borrowers in structuring loans for asset-based credit facilities, real estate, leveraged buyouts, debt restructuring and tax exempt transactions. Berry is a member of the New Jersey State and Monmouth County Bar Associations.



Frank R. Ciesla, a shareholder and chair of the firm's Health Care Practice Area is included under “Health Care Law.” He counsels clients on legal developments facing healthcare providers in the modern health care environment. He advises such clients on business structures, mergers and consolidations, joint ventures, reorganization of health care providers, ongoing operation, establishment of new providers and purchases of existing providers. Ciesla is a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association, Health and Hospital Law Section, the American Health Lawyers Association, and the Government Administrative Trial Lawyers Association.



Paul T. Colella, shareholder in the Corporate and Securities Practice Area, is included in the list under “Corporate Law” and “Mergers & Acquisitions Law.” His practice focuses on corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions and business law. Colella counsels clients with respect to the raising of capital in the public and private markets, and preparing registration statements and private offering documents required in connection with the public and private sale of securities. He represents purchasers and sellers of businesses and also counsels clients in the formation and organization of a business or professional practice, including corporations, general partnerships, limited partnerships and limited liability companies. Colella is a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association.



Philip D. Florenza, shareholder in the Corporate and Securities Practice Area, is included under “Corporate Law,” “Mergers & Acquisitions Law” and “Securities Law.” His practice focuses on corporate finance/securities law, acquisitions/mergers and business law. Florenza counsels clients with respect to the raising of capital in the public and private markets. He represents purchasers and sellers of businesses, including transactions involving mergers, consolidations and asset sales, and he advises clients in the formation and establishment of businesses, including corporations, general partnerships, limited partnerships, investment funds, joint ventures and limited liability companies. Florenza is a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association and a member of the Association for Corporate Growth.



John A. Giunco, Jr., shareholder and chair of the Real Estate, Land Use and Development Practice Area, is included under “Real Estate Law”. Giunco focuses his practice to the acquisition, development, sale and financing of real estate. He advises clients with regard to the acquisition of land, its suitability for development, and methods of sale and financing. He also represents developers before municipal, county and state agencies to receive developmental permits and approvals. Giunco is a member of the Meridian Health Realty Corporation Board of Trustees, the Real Estate Advisory Board of the Monmouth University Real Estate Institute, the Jersey Shore University Medical Center Foundation, the Association of General Contractors, the New Jersey Builders Association, the Shore Builders Association of Central New Jersey, and the New Jersey Planning Officials.



Michael J. Gross, shareholder and chair of the Environmental Practice Area, is included under “Environmental Law” and “Real Estate Law.” Gross handles all aspects of New Jersey and federal environmental law. Gross is environmental counsel to the New Jersey Builders Association and general counsel to the Shore Builders Association of Central New Jersey. Gross is a member of the American Bar Association, the New Jersey State Bar Association, the National Association of Home Builders Legal Action Network for Development Strategies, the Legal Action Committee of the National Association of Home Builders, the New Jersey Builders Association, the Shore Builders Association of Central New Jersey, and the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties.



Sharlene A. Hunt, shareholder in the Health Care Practice Area, is included under “Health Care Law.” She counsels both individuals and entities, and advises clients with regard to pertinent legal developments facing health care providers in the modern health care environment. She also advises nonprofit clients regarding proper formation, obtaining and maintaining tax exempt status, and compliance with regulatory restrictions on tax exempt entities including the intermediate sanctions provisions. Hunt is a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association, past Chair, Health and Hospital Law Section, member of the American Health Lawyers Association, and a member of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging.



Edward S. Radzely, of counsel in Real Estate and Land Use and Development Practice Area, is included under “Real Estate Law”. Radzely focuses his practice on acquisition and sales; mortgage financing; land development; leasing; institutional lender representation; tax free exchanges; and title analysis. He represents clients in the acquisition, development, leasing and sale of all types of commercial real estate including vacant land, office buildings, warehouses and shopping centers. He structures joint venture agreements with institutional lenders, negotiates and closes mortgage commitments for all types of commercial loans, including land loans, land and development loans, leasehold mortgage loans, construction loans and permanent financing. Radzely is a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association, the American College of Real Estate Lawyers, the New Jersey Builders Association, and the Shore Builders Association of Central New Jersey.



Paul H. Schneider, shareholder and co-chair of the Litigation Practice area, is included under “Environmental Law.” He concentrates his practice in environmental, land use, regulatory, real estate and affordable housing law, and litigation. Mr. Schneider also handles a wide variety of redevelopment matters as well as corporate and commercial litigation. In addition to handling major litigation before both the state and federal courts and the Office of Administrative Law, he has extensive experience before the New Jersey Supreme Court and the Appellate Division. Schneider is a member of the American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy and Resources Law, the New Jersey State Bar Association, Environmental and Land Use Sections, the National Association of Home Builders Legal Action Network for Development Strategies (LANDS), the

New Jersey Builders Association, and the Shore Builders Association of Central New Jersey.