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Cole Schotz Recognized as Leading Litigation Firm
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Hackensack, N.J., October 11, 2010 – The law firm of **Cole, Schotz, Meisel, Forman & Leonard, P.A.** is pleased to announce the firm’s recognition in the 2011 edition of *Benchmark Litigation: A Definitive Guide to America’s Leading Litigation Firms and Attorneys* as a “highly recommended” firm.

According to *Benchmark*, Cole Schotz earned the highly recommended status based on the strength of the firm’s reputation among peers as “solid and dependable, with some great senior people as well as some impressive up-and-comers.”

In addition, the publication recognized members **Steven R. Klein** and **Michael S. Meisel** as “Local Litigation Stars,” which reflects individuals who were recommended consistently as reputable and effective litigators by clients and peers. Members **James T. Kim**, **Susan M. Usatine** and **Warren A. Usatine** are recognized as “Future Stars,” which indicates a strong level of litigation experience.

Benchmark is published by Legal Media Group, part of Euromoney Institutional Investor PLC. In compiling its guide, *Benchmark’s* researchers conducted extensive interviews with leading private practice lawyers and in-house counsel to determine the top firms and attorneys for litigation in the U.S. The firms selected for the list are renowned within the business and legal communities for the quality of their trial work and their litigation professionals. The full list of firms and attorneys included in the 2011 guide can be found at www.benchmarklitigation.com.

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