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Cole Schotz Recognized as Leading Litigation Firm in New Jersey by *Benchmark Litigation*

Hackensack, N.J., Nov. 28, 2011 – The law firm of **Cole, Schotz, Meisel, Forman & Leonard, P.A.** is pleased to announce the firm’s recognition in the 2012 edition of *Benchmark Litigation: A Definitive Guide to America’s Leading Litigation Firms and Attorneys* as a “highly recommended” firm for litigation in New Jersey. In addition, seven of the firm’s members (partners) earned individual accolades from the publication: Steven R. Klein, Leo V. Leyva and Michael S. Meisel are named among “local litigation stars,” and James T. Kim, Adam J. Sklar, Susan M. Usatine and Warren A. Usatine are recognized as “future stars.” This is the second consecutive year in which Cole Schotz has earned Benchmark’s top placement in New Jersey.

According to *Benchmark*, Cole Schotz has “carved itself somewhat of a niche in commercial disputes and restructuring litigation.” One client interviewed by the publication praised the firm’s “terrific and experienced bench of attorneys that are used seamlessly to maximize efficiency. They are aggressive, but always maintain perspective and without question, they constantly re-evaluate strategy to ensure that the client’s needs are met.”

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 2012 guide can be found at www.benchmarklitigation.com.

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