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11 Lawyers from McCandlish & Lillard Are Named to Virginia's "Legal Elite"

Fairfax, VA – Eleven lawyers from McCandlish and Lillard have been recognized by *Virginia Business* magazine as being among Virginia's "Legal Elite" in 2009. *Virginia Business* determines the "Legal Elite" designation from a survey conducted with the Virginia Bar Association, which polls thousands of Virginia lawyers to determine whom they consider the very best in certain defined practice categories. Most of the firm's attorneys named as a result of this year's survey have been honored several times previously. This year's list is published in the magazine's December edition, just released.

Wm. McCauley Arnold, a principal of the firm, was named among the best in the category of Construction Law. He has over twenty years experience in the defense and collection of construction related claims of over one million dollars in both private and governmental building projects, and representing landowners and developers before county supervisors, planning commissions, and Board of Zoning appeals. Mr. Arnold received his B.A. from Duke University and his J.D. from the University of Texas, and is admitted to practice in Virginia, Maryland, the District of Columbia and Texas. He has taught construction law, land use and collection law in numerous seminars and colleges, is the author of several articles and booklets on Construction law and Collection law, and is listed in several Who's Who publications. He also has been an Arbitrator for the Construction Panel of the American Arbitration Association.

William J. Bethune, a senior counsel of the firm, was named among the best in the category of Business Law. Bill counsels a broad range of business clients in insurance, employment, creditor rights, and other

commercial transactions. He served as General Counsel of the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce from 2000 through 2006 and is currently a member of the steering committee of CXO Forum, www.cxoforum.com, a group of business owners and executives who meet regularly to discuss business topics and solutions, update management skills, and develop best practices. He led Valor Foundation to partner with state and county bar associations in 2008 to bring the Wills for Heroes program to Loudoun County. Mr. Bethune is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School and of Princeton University.

Gary W. Brown, a principal and past Chairman of the Board of McCandlish & Lillard, was named among the best in the category of Alternate Dispute Resolution. His areas of concentration include medical malpractice, legal malpractice, product liability and employment discrimination. He is an experienced arbitrator and mediator. Mr. Brown is a former adjunct professor at both the Georgetown University Law Center and Medical Center and a past President of the District of Columbia Defense Lawyers Association, which chose him as Lawyer of the Year in 1996. Also, Mr. Brown was named recently as one of the *Best Lawyers in America*.

John W. Farrell, a principal of the firm, was named among the best in the category of Real Estate and Land Use. Mr. Farrell has over 30 years of experience in matters of real estate development, land use and environmental regulation. He has represented landowners and developers in innumerable land use and environmental cases and controversies, and has experience on behalf of lenders and borrowers in transactions involving real estate acquisition, construction and development loans. Mr. Farrell previously has been selected by Virginia Business as one of Virginia's *Legal Elite* attorneys in the category of Environmental Law. He also is a lecturer/instructor for the Virginia Law Foundation, the Northern Virginia Building Industry Association and the National Business Institute, and has served on the State Legislative Committee of the Home Builders Association of Virginia. A 20-year resident of Reston, Virginia, Mr. Farrell is active in Reston youth sports organizations and has served on the building committee of Christ the Redeemer Church of Sterling, Virginia.

R. Peyton Mahaffey, a principal and President of the firm, has been named among the best once again in the category of Civil Litigation. He has broad experience as a trial lawyer and lead counsel in state and federal cases involving business, corporate and commercial matters, as well as arbitration and mediation. He has been the principal attorney on a number of reported state and federal decisions. Mr. Mahaffey has been

elected to the "Legal Elite" since its inception in 2000, having been named to the "Legal Elite" by *Virginia Business Magazine* from 2000 – 2008, to *Washingtonian Magazine's* list of "Top Attorneys" in the Washington Metropolitan Area in 2004, and more recently to the "Super Lawyers" in Virginia and the Washington, D.C. area for 2006 – 2009.

J. Robert McAllister, III, a senior counsel to the firm, was recognized among the best in Health Law. In addition to health care law, his practice includes the areas of business and tax-exempt organization law. Mr. McAllister has appeared in *The Best Lawyers in America in Health Care Law* (1995-2006) and has also appeared in *Washingtonian Magazine* as one of the "Best Lawyers in Washington" in health care law (1997). He is a past President of the Arlington County Bar Association. He received his undergraduate degree from Davidson College, his law degree from the University of Virginia and a masters degree in taxation from Georgetown University.

Regina Petruzzi Neumann, an associate with the firm, was recognized in the category of Young Lawyer. Ms. Neumann concentrates her practice in the area of trial work and general litigation, with particular emphasis on -- business torts, professional liability, medical malpractice defense, personal injury litigation and domestic relations. Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Neumann practiced in Pennsylvania with the Pittsburgh law firm of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C. Ms. Neumann is admitted to practice in Virginia, Pennsylvania, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. District Courts for the Western District of Pennsylvania and the Eastern District of Virginia. Ms. Neumann earned a B.A. in Corporate Communications and, later, her J.D., both from Duquesne University.

Stephen C. Price, a principal with the firm, was recognized in the category of Civil Litigation. He has broad experience as a trial lawyer in commercial and real estate-related cases in the Virginia and federal courts. Mr. Price is a member of the Virginia Bar Association and has served on its Board of Governors and its advisory committee for appointments to Virginia's appellate courts, and chaired its Civil Litigation Section. A past president of the Loudoun County Bar Association, he served for ten years as a substitute judge for the District Courts of Loudoun, Fauquier and Rappahannock Counties. Active in community service, Mr. Price is president of the George C. Marshall International Center at Dodona Manor in Leesburg, having served as its president from 2000 to 2005. He received a B.A. with honors from the Virginia Military Institute. He holds a J.D. degree from the University of Virginia and an LL.M. from the University of Cambridge (Queens' College).

Douglas J. Sanderson, a principal with the firm, was recognized among the best in the area of Family Law and Domestic Relations. Mr. Sanderson counsels and represents people who need legal assistance with such matters as pre-nuptial agreements, property and separation agreements, divorces, child custody and visitation, equitable distribution and support. He also practices business and real estate law. Mr. Sanderson has been recognized among *Virginia Business'* Legal Elite in every year since the inception of the list, except 2001. He served as President of Legal Services of Northern Virginia from 1993 to 1996, and currently serves as *pro bono* legal counsel to the Arts Council of Fairfax County, Inc.

Keith T. Shiner, a senior counsel of the firm, was recognized among the best in the area of Legislative, Regulatory and Administrative practice, in particular for his representation of physicians and other licensed health care providers before licensing boards and agencies. Mr. Shiner is a Health Care lawyer and litigator. He counsels physicians, hospitals, long term care facilities, and other health care providers on regulatory, compliance, licensing, and medical staff-related matters. He also represents them in malpractice cases, other civil disputes and litigation, and in investigations and enforcement actions by the government. He is a graduate of Washington & Lee School of Law, where he was an editor for the Law Review, and Duke University. He is a board member of the Arlington Free Clinic and the Northern Virginia Area Health Education Center.

Ralph M. Tener, a principal and Chairman of the Board of McCandlish & Lillard, was also recognized among the best in the area of Intellectual Property. A business lawyer who heads the firm's Information Technology Group, he works with software and Internet companies from start-up through venture capital investment to sale or merger. Mr. Tener has been elected to the "Legal Elite" each year since its inception in 2000. He founded the Computer Law Section of the Fairfax Bar Association in 1986 and served as its Chairman for eight years. Mr. Tener served on the Board of Directors of the D.C. Computer Law Forum for five years, including one term as President, and is a former adjunct professor in computer law at the University of Virginia Continuing Education Center.

McCandlish & Lillard, P.C. has 24 attorneys, with offices in Fairfax and Leesburg. The law firm has been meeting the legal needs of businesses and individuals in Northern Virginia and throughout the Commonwealth for more than a century. For more information regarding McCandlish & Lillard, P.C., call the firm at 703-273-2288 or visit our website at www.mccandlaw.com.

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