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PENNSYLVANIA SUPER LAWYERS

Rawle & Henderson LLP is pleased to announce that **Cynthia M. Certo** and **Timothy J. Abeel** were named 2013 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers by *Law & Politics* and the publishers of *Philadelphia Magazine*. The process started with thousands of ballots being sent to attorneys in Pennsylvania and then practice-specific “Blue Ribbon” panels reviewed the selections and listed the nominees with the highest scores. The attorneys chosen represent the top 5% of attorneys in Pennsylvania.



Cynthia M. Certo

Cynthia M. Certo is a partner in our Philadelphia office and concentrates her practice in the area of commercial motor vehicle defense. Ms. Certo earned a B.S., *cum laude*, from Villanova University in 1987 and a J.D. in 1994 from the Temple University Law School. She is a Fellow of the Academy of Advocacy of Temple University, a member of the Trucking Industry Defense Association, and a volunteer attorney for the Support Center for Child Advocates. Ms. Certo is a Hearing Committee Member serving the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. She is a member of the Bars of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York.



Timothy J. Abeel



Timothy J. Abeel has defended transportation companies in the state and federal courts of Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Delaware for more than 30 years. He established Rawle & Henderson’s largest practice group, the Commercial Motor Vehicle Section. Tim was one of the founders of the Trucking Industry Defense Association (TIDA) and he served as President of TIDA in 2000-2001. From 1994 to 2003, he was a member of the TIDA Board of Directors. His clients include some of the largest transportation companies and insurers of commercial motor vehicles in the United States. He is a member of the Executive Committee of Rawle & Henderson LLP.

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TLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Gary F. Seitz

Gary F. Seitz spoke at a session on *Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights: "Over the Barrel"* at the Transportation Lawyers' Association Annual Conference in May in Napa, California. He was part of a panel that discussed the fundamentals of enforcing bankruptcy creditor claims, including claims for freight charges, the workings of unsecured creditor committees and the benefits of participation, preference actions and defenses available to transportation providers, and recent bankruptcy case updates. Gary is a partner in our Philadelphia office. He concentrates his practice in the areas of commercial bankruptcy, commercial litigation and admiralty and maritime law. Gary serves as a Chapter 7 Panel Trustee in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and acts as Trustee in Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 cases in the Eastern

District of Pennsylvania and the District of Delaware. He has extensive experience handling bankruptcy matters for creditors, asset purchasers and trustees.

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WIDENER LAW PROGRAM



Gary N. Stewart

Gary N. Stewart was on the faculty for a Widener University School of Law Intensive Trial Advocacy Program (ITAP) on *Openings and Closings in a Civil Case* in May. The event was held on the Harrisburg campus of Widener Law. Gary is a partner in the Commercial Motor Vehicle Section in our Harrisburg office. Gary is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont and Rhode Island as well as before the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Pennsylvania, the District of New Jersey, the District of Massachusetts, the District of Rhode Island, the District of Connecticut and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First and Third Circuits.

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NEW ASSOCIATES



Grant C. Wright

Grant C. Wright has joined the firm as an associate in the Philadelphia office. Mr. Wright concentrates his practice on the defense of commercial motor vehicles and their insurers. Grant received his LL.M. in Trial Advocacy from Temple University, Beasley School of Law, in 2010. He earned his J.D. from Hofstra University in 2005 and his B.S. from Virginia Commonwealth University in 2001. He served a judicial clerkship with the New Jersey Superior Court in 2005. Mr. Wright then served as assistant outside counsel to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of New Jersey. In this position, he assisted in defending the State before the U.S. District Court of New Jersey and the Third Circuit Court of Appeals in litigation pursuant to 42 U.S.C. s.1983 and 42 U.S.C. s.1997e. Grant is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York.

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Christine A. Barris

Christine A. Barris is an associate in the firm's New Jersey office. She focuses her practice on the defense of trucking companies and their insurers. Ms. Barris graduated from Rutgers University with a B.A., *magna cum laude*, in English and Italian. She received her J.D. from the Rutgers University School of Law, Camden. Ms. Barris served a one-year judicial clerkship for the Honorable John Harrington in Burlington County Superior Court in Mount Holly, New Jersey. Ms. Barris is admitted to practice in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

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