

Former New Jersey Office of Minority-Owned Law Firm Joins New York City Women-Owned Law Firm

New York (April 1, 2017) – Gerber & Partners, LLP, whose attorneys until March 2016 comprised the New Jersey office of Gonzalez Saggio & Harlan, one of the largest minority-owned law firms in the U.S., has joined Schoeman Updike & Kaufman LLP, a WBENC-certified women owned law firm founded in 1969. The new firm name is Schoeman Updike Kaufman & Gerber LLP and has 27 lawyers, in offices in New York, New York and Wayne, New Jersey.

Partners Steven Gerber, Mary Pat Gallagher, David H. Ganz and Ola A. Nunez, counsel Christopher M. McFadden, associates Alexandra T. Saites and Maria Tavano and of counsel Richard P. Weiss, who formerly practiced as Gerber & Partners, have joined Schoeman Updike partners Charles Updike, Beth Kaufman, Nancy Connery, Norman Greene, Nate Goldberg, Heather Heft, Jeffrey Chester and Paul Hanau, and their team of counsel, associates and of counsel in New York.

The combined firm boasts lawyers who have extensive experience as trial and appellate counsel in New York and New Jersey's federal and state courts in commercial litigation, labor and employment (representing management-only in litigation and arbitration), internal and regulatory investigations, complex tort litigation (including product liability, toxic torts and transportation/premises liability), intellectual property, trusts and estates (including litigation and administration), real estate transactions and project development, and education law.

According to Managing Partner Beth Kaufman, “our firms’ practices and cultures are synergistic, and our attorneys are complementary.” Both Schoeman Updike and Gerber & Partners have regularly represented significant Fortune 100 corporations, large privately held businesses, governmental entities and significant not-for-profit institutions, and universities and secondary schools in New York and New Jersey. Kaufman added that “the addition of Gerber & Partners’ team adds significant depth and strength to our bench, especially in the employment defense field.” And Steve Gerber added that “Schoeman Updike’s deep New York litigation and transactional practice will be a significant value-added for our clients. And in joining a certified women-owned law firm, we reinforce our commitment to diversity.”

Schoeman Updike Kaufman & Gerber LLP includes seven attorneys named in 2016 New York Metro Area or 2017 New Jersey *SuperLawyers* and two of the Top 50 Women in 2016 New York Metro Area *SuperLawyers*.

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