

Wagner Law Group Opens Chicago Office in National Expansion Move

Boston, January 21, 2014 – <u>Marcia Wagner</u>, the Managing Director of <u>The Wagner Law Group</u>, announced that <u>William Scogland</u> has joined the law firm launching their Chicago office and <u>Ellen Stone</u> has joined the Boston office. The Wagner Law Group also has offices in the Miami area and San Francisco with clients in over 45 states and several foreign countries. "We can better serve our national and international clientele with four offices around the country," says Ms. Wagner. "We are excited to continue expanding our areas of expertise, as well as our geographic reach, through the hiring of exceptional attorneys like William Scogland and Ellen Stone, who are recognized for their outstanding credentials and comprehensive experience."

Mr. Scogland has over 30 years of experience in employee benefits and executive compensation. He is the former Chair of the U.S. Department of Labor, Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans. Mr. Scogland joins The Wagner Law Group from Jenner & Block, LLP where he was the practice leader of 10 attorneys and maintained responsibility for the firm's compensation and benefit matters. His experience includes counseling large pension plans and investment managers in investments by ERISA plans. He has extensive experience in funded welfare benefit plans and all areas of executive compensation.

Ellen Stone is a tax attorney with a background in ERISA and estate planning, and with extensive knowledge of employee benefit plan taxation and individual taxation, as well as estate and gift taxes. She was previously employed at Fresenius Medical Care North America Corporation, where she provided legal advice to human resource and benefits personnel regarding compliance with federal tax laws governing employee benefit plans. "Ellen's proven ability to research, analyze and articulate solutions to a wide variety of complex, technical tax issues will prove invaluable to our clients," says Ms. Wagner.

Ten of the 25 Wagner Law Group attorneys are AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell, a ranking which recognizes very high to preeminent legal abilities and ethical standards. Five attorneys are Fellows of the American College of Employee Benefits Counsel, two were selected for the 2013 Best in America list of lawyers, four of the lawyers were selected for the 2013 Massachusetts Super Lawyers list, two lawyers were selected for the 2013 New England's Best Lawyers lists and one was selected for the 2013 Florida Super Lawyers List.

The Wagner Law Group, founded in 1996, focuses on ERISA law, employment law, labor and human resources, employee benefits, welfare benefit plans, corporate law, tax, estate planning and administration, real estate and litigation. Clients, which vary in size from sole proprietors to publicly-traded multistate and multinationals, include nonprofit entities and for-profit companies in nearly every industry.

Committed to ongoing education for their clients and colleagues, the firm regularly produces substantive newsletters and webinars, which can be accessed at www.WagnerLawGroup.com, plus tweets that keep followers up-to-date on recent developments in the industry. (@WagnerLawGroup)