

Attorney Marcia Wagner Named in Top 30 Most Influential People in Defined Contribution

Boston, January 31, 2011 – ERISA and employee benefits attorney <u>Marcia S. Wagner</u> was ranked number 27 in the list of the top 100 Most Influential People in Defined Contribution in a recent poll. Conducted by 401kWire.com, a leading online news source for defined contribution executives, the annual survey polled more than 120,000 retirement plan professionals throughout the U.S.

Joining the Most Influential People list for the fourth year in a row, Ms. Wagner is the Managing Partner of <u>The Wagner Law Group</u>, A Professional Corporation, which specializes in ERISA, employee benefits and executive compensation law. Established in 1996, The Wagner Law Group, with 16 attorneys engaged exclusively in employee benefits law, is among the largest ERISA boutiques in the U.S. with clients in more than 30 states and several foreign countries.

Ms. Wagner adds the prestigious award to a long list of honors, which she has received. She was appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Treasury for a three year term to the IRS Advisory Committee on Tax Exempt and Governmental Entities, and chaired the Employee Benefits subcommittee in the final year of her appointment. Ms. Wagner was recently named to the Legg Mason Retirement Advisory Council.

She was also named to the following: Top 50 Women Lawyers in New England by the *New England Super Lawyers Magazine*, Top 50 Female Attorneys in Massachusetts and New England by *Law and Politics Magazine*, Top Attorneys in New England by the *American Registry*, Boston's Best Lawyers by *The Boston Globe* and Boston.com, and Top 10 Corporate Lawyers by *Boston Women's Business Journal* and *The Boston Herald*.

Ms. Wagner has been quoted extensively in industry publications and has written over 50 articles on issues related to ERISA. She is the author of numerous books including *BNA Tax Management Portfolio EPCRA – Plan Correction and Disqualification, Quick Reference to HIPAA Compliance, Bender's Federal Income Taxation of Retirement Plans (Chapters 1 & 11), Advising Small Businesses: Qualified Retirement Plans* and *ERISA Litigation, Procedure, Preemptions and Other Title I Issues.* She has testified at Department of Labor and IRS hearings. She has made over 150 presentations and is a frequent speaker at national retirement plan conferences. Ms. Wagner graduated from Harvard Law School, Cornell University and the London School of Economics and Politics.

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