

Marcia Wagner Welcomes Nationally Recognized Roberta Casper Watson to The Wagner Law Group

Boston, July 1, 2013 – Marcia Wagner, the Managing Director of The Wagner Law Group, announces that Roberta Casper Watson, nationally recognized attorney and Harvard Law School graduate, has joined the firm and will be heading up the Welfare Benefits Department. "Roberta is a highly respected lawyer with years of experience in ERISA and employee benefits," says Ms. Wagner. "We are extremely fortunate to have her joining our team."

Ms. Watson will join Senior Associate Barry Newman, Associate Alex Olsen and Senior Benefits Consultant Virginia Peabody in the Welfare Benefits Department. Along with other health and welfare plan issues, she will be responsible for issues with the Affordable Care Act. "I am very impressed with the firm that Marcia Wagner has built," says Ms. Watson. "The quality of the partners and the strong reputation of The Wagner Law Group are unparalleled. I am very excited to embark on this new journey alongside some of the top attorneys in the nation."

Ms. Watson is AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated by Martindale Hubbell. The *Best Lawyers in America* has recognized Ms. Watson on their list for Employee Benefit/ERISA law since 1995, and for 2012, it named her the Tampa Lawyer of the Year for Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law.

Ms. Watson has been active in the American Bar Association, where she has been Chair of both the Tax Section Employee Benefits Committee and the Health Law Section Employee Benefits Interest Group. She also was Chair of the ABA's Joint Committee on Employee Benefits. She is a Charter Fellow of the American College of Employee Benefits Counsel. Ms. Watson is currently Secretary for The Harvard Club of the West Coast of Florida. She served on the CHIPRA Task Force created by the U.S. Departments of Labor and Health and Human Services. She was also on the board of Florida's District Six Community Health Purchasing Alliance in the 1990s. For many years, she was on the board of Northside Community Mental Health Center, and was its president in 1999-2001.

"Roberta's vast professional and community involvement makes her a valuable addition to the firm," comments Ms. Wagner. "We are all looking forward to working with such a talented and accomplished woman."

Founded in 1996, The Wagner Law Group has three offices – Boston, San Francisco and Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, serving clients in over 45 states and several foreign countries. The Firm focuses on ERISA, employee benefits and executive compensation.

The Wagner Law Group's 23 attorneys, a senior benefits consultant and 3 paralegals combine many years of experience in the specialty fields of practice with a variety of backgrounds. Eight of the attorneys are AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell as having very high to preeminent legal abilities and ethical standards. Four, including Ms. Watson, have been named to the prestigious Super Lawyers lists, which highlight outstanding lawyers based on a multi-phased selection process.